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A Touch Of Weariness

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PARIS — On Sunday, however briefly, nations around the world came together with the United States to remember the attacks on New York and the Penta-



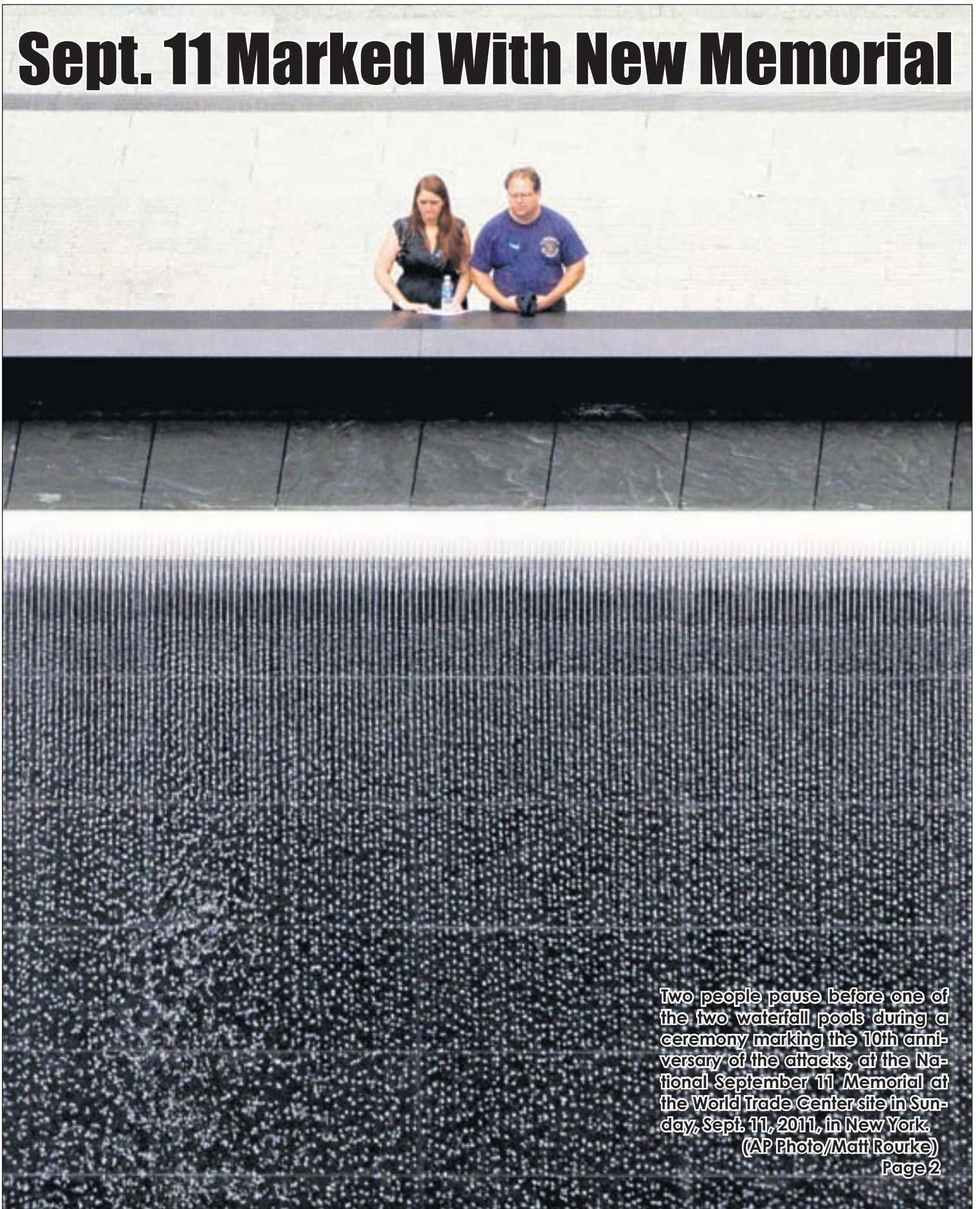
A member of the English Defense League far-right group uses a U.S. flag as a mask, close to the memorial ceremony to mark the 10th anniversary of the September 11 attacks at the Memorial Garden, adjacent to the U.S. Embassy in central London, Sunday Sept. 11, 2011. Members of the EDL briefly scuffled with police as they mounted a counter-demonstration to members of the group 'Muslims against Crusades' who gathered for an anti-U.S. rally.

(AP Photo/Lefferis Pitarakis)

gon that killed nearly 3,000 people from 90 countries. Commemorations were held from Indonesia to Israel, with many political and religious leaders expressing their commitment to democracy and the fight against terrorism.

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Sept. 11 Marked With New Memorial



Two people pause before one of the two waterfall pools during a ceremony marking the 10th anniversary of the attacks, at the National September 11 Memorial at the World Trade Center site in Sunday, Sept. 11, 2011, in New York.

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NEW YORK (AP) — The names of the Sept. 11 dead, some called out by children barely old enough to remember their fallen mothers and fathers, echoed across ground zero Sunday in a haunting but hopeful tribute on the 10th anniversary of the terror attack. "God is our refuge and strength," President Barack Obama said, quoting the Bible.

Weeping relatives of the victims streamed into a newly opened memorial and placed pictures and flowers beside names etched in bronze. Obama and his predecessor, George W. Bush, bowed their heads and touched the inscriptions. Obama, standing behind bulletproof glass and before the white oak trees of the memorial, read the Bible passage after a moment of silence at 8:46 a.m. (1246 GMT), when the first jetliner slammed into the north tower 10 years ago. The president, quoting Psalm 46, invoked the presence of God as an inspiration to endure. "Therefore, we will not fear, even though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea."

Obama and Bush were joined by their wives as they walked up to one of the two reflecting pools built over the towers' footprints, part of a Sept. 11 memorial that was opened for rela-



Sara, right, James, center, and Amanda Gregory hug at the north pool after finding their father, Donald H. Gregory's name at the National September 11 Memorial during a ceremony marking the 10th anniversary of the attacks at the World Trade Center, Sunday, Sept. 11, 2011 in New York.

(AP Photo/Mary Altaffer)

tives of the victims.

The site looked utterly different than it had for any other Sept. 11 anniversary: Along with the names in bronze, two manmade waterfalls flowed directly over the footprints of the towers, surrounded by dozens of white oak trees. The New York ceremony, which ended with the playing of taps in the early afternoon, was the centerpiece of a day of remembrance across the country. It was a chance to reflect on a decade that changed American life, including two wars and the overhaul of everyday security at airports and in big cities. In a tribute at the Pentagon, Vice President Joe Biden invoked a "9/11

generation of warriors."

"Never before in our history has America asked so much over such a sustained period of an all-volunteer force," he said. "So I can say without fear of contradiction or being accused of exaggeration, the 9/11 generation ranks among the greatest our nation has ever produced, and it was born — it was born — it was born right here on 9/11."

Defense Secretary Leon Panetta observed a moment of silence at 9:37 a.m. (1337 GMT), marking the time a jet struck the center of the U.S. military. He paid tribute to 6,200 members of the U.S. military who have died in the Iraq and Afghan wars. □

The world remembers 9/11, with a touch of weariness



A young boy with a group of demonstrators calling themselves Muslims Against the Crusades outside the American Embassy in London on the 10th anniversary of the terrorist attacks, Sept. 11, 2011.

(Andrew Testa/The New York Times)

But there was also weariness, with smaller-than-expected crowds in some cities and numerous com-

mentaries noting the wars that followed Sept. 11 and the attacks' more negative impacts — on civil liberties,

air travel, international law and the United States' reputation.

In Pakistan, where opinion surveys show most people doubt that al-Qaida was responsible for the 9/11 attacks, the government ignored the anniversary, except to put an advertisement in The Wall Street Journal describing Pakistan as a victim, not a perpetrator, of terrorism.

In Germany, where the attacks were planned, there was a quiet commemoration, an interfaith service at the American Church in Berlin.

Three days after the attacks, about 200,000 people had gathered near the Brandenburg Gate, but barely 200 showed up for a moment of silence on Sun-

day.

"I thought there would be a few more people," said Alan Benson, who helped organize the program and held an American flag. "First there was empathy with Americans, but as a consequence of the wars there are a lot of misgivings now."

Britain, which lost 67 of its citizens on Sept. 11, held several commemorations. It has been America's principal military partner in Afghanistan and Iraq over the past decade, and 559 British soldiers have died in the wars there.

The remembrances in London were led by Prince Charles and Prime Minister David Cameron and included many relatives of the 9/11 victims. □

Trial to start in bid to close US nuclear plant

DAVE GRAM

Associated Press

BRATTLEBORO, Vermont (AP) — A federal judge is about to be asked to take a first crack at this question: In early 21st-century America, can a small state tell an \$11.2 billion corporation to pack up its nuclear plant and go home? On Monday morning, in a stately federal courtroom upstairs from a U.S. Post Office — in a town still recovering from the floods two weeks ago of Hurricane Irene's remnants — a high-powered Entergy Corp. legal team will square off against the Vermont attorney general's office with that question in the balance.

Judge J. Garvan Murtha will hear opening arguments in what is expected to be a three-day trial. At issue is whether the Entergy-owned Vermont Yankee nuclear plant, just a few miles (kilometers) south of the courtroom in neighboring Vernon, should be allowed to operate past next March 21, when its initial 40-year license expires.

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission has said yes. Just 10 days after an earthquake and tsunami triggered meltdowns at Japan's Fukushima plant — reactors of the same design and about the same age as Vermont Yankee — the NRC said Vermont's lone nuclear station had passed its review and was fit for a 20-year license extension, lasting until 2032.

The state of Vermont has said no. The state passed a law in 2006 saying that before a nuclear plant could get permission from regulators to keep operating, both houses of the Legislature had to approve. The state Senate voted 26-4 in 2010 against continued operation.

New Orleans-based Entergy filed suit in April, saying the state is pre-empted by the federal Atomic Energy Act from trying to shut Vermont Yankee down. Whichever side loses is almost certain to appeal, so a resolution could take years.

The judge in July denied Entergy's request for a preliminary injunction allowing Vermont Yankee to continue operating while the lawsuit works its way through the courts. But in a nod to the company's plea for a quick answer about the plant's future, he set an unusually early date for the full trial. It's a case that's drawing national attention both from supporters and critics of nuclear power.

"We are paying attention to it because we are concerned about our 650 energy industry colleagues at the site," said Tom Kauffman, spokesman for the industry group Nuclear Energy Institute, of the job losses if the plant closes. "We are also concerned about the citizens of Vermont" and their need for a large source of low-carbon electrical generation, he said.

Diane Curran, a Washington-based lawyer who has represented several anti-nuclear groups, said more states should be exercising more oversight over nuclear power plants in this post-Fukushima world.

"To me there's an overarching question about whether in today's era there should be any debate about whether states should have a lot more control about nuclear plants within their borders," she said.

A big question hanging over the case is why Vermont wants its only reactor shut down. Entergy has charged that Vermont's main concern is about nuclear safety — something a 1983 U.S. Supreme Court decision said was solely the province of the NRC.

Vermont's lawyers denied during the preliminary injunction hearings that the issue was safety — instead they said it was "reliability" — will the plant operate well and provide a stable supply of electricity to the state's consumers?

But others see two problems with that. First, the plant is reliable by industry standards, with a "capacity factor," above the industry average, Kaufmann said. □

Man detained at US airport with suspicious items

BILL DRAPER

Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Missouri (AP)

— Security agents detained a man and shut down one of three terminals at the main airport in Kansas City Sunday after detecting suspicious items inside his carry-on luggage on the 10th anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

The man was stopped about 9:30 a.m. at the Southwest Airlines checkpoint at Kansas City International Airport. Transportation security agents who detected suspicious items in his bag asked to examine them, and he was detained when he refused, airline and law enforcement officials said.

The suspicious items tested negative for explosive materials, according to a statement from the Transportation Security Administration. A bomb squad and bomb-sniffing dogs remained on the scene Sunday afternoon, and passengers were being re-screened.

FBI spokeswoman Bridget Patton declined to say what the man was carrying, but she said the bomb squad used a high-pressure water force to disrupt the package, allowing for evidence to be preserved. The man is in the custody of airport security, she said.

TSA released a statement confirming the area around the checkpoint was evacuated "out of an abundance of caution." Several TSA officials did not respond to calls requesting more details Sunday. Laura Brown, spokeswoman for the Federal Aviation Administration, referred questions to the TSA.

"It was chaos," said Jim Johnston, 56, an engineer from Portland, Oregon, who was on his way to Nashville, Tennessee, for business. "We weren't told anything except there was a scare. They took us to a concourse that was under construction and we waited there 10 to 15 minutes while they tried to figure out what they were going

to do with us."

The man was detained as ceremonies were going on nationwide in remembrance of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Four planes hijacked by nineteen men crashed into the World Trade Center, Pentagon

tion was continuing and there had been no official determination, according to a law enforcement official speaking on condition of anonymity to discuss the ongoing probe.

Airport spokesman Joe McBride said the airport had



Security checks out a Frontier Airlines plane on Sunday, Sept. 11, 2011 at Detroit's Metropolitan Airport. Police detained three passengers in Detroit after the crew of the Frontier Airlines flight from Denver reported suspicious activity on board and NORAD officials sent two F-16 jets to shadow the flight until it landed safely, the airline and federal officials said. Frontier Flight 623, with 116 passengers on board, landed without incident in Detroit after the crew reported that two people were spending "an extraordinarily long time" in a bathroom, Frontier spokesman Peter Kowalchuck said.

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and a field in Pennsylvania, killing nearly 3,000 people. Early indications were that the incident did not appear to be connected to terrorism, but the investiga-

heightened security since Thursday because of the 10-year anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks but there was no known threat involving the airport. □

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Unease and confidence among travelers on 9/11

ERIC TUCKER

Associated Press

SANTA ANA, California (AP)

— Some travelers were plainly jittery about flying Sunday. Others weren't worried, confident that security would be tight on the 10th anniversary of Sept. 11. And some figured, well, whatever happens, happens.

In Los Angeles, Kim Pinney, who operates a daycare center in Virginia, booked the latest flight home possible from a friend's wedding in the belief that that would minimize her chances of falling victim to a terrorist attack.

"If something was going to happen, it would happen during the day and then it would be over," she said in a telephone interview Saturday. Since her flight was at 11 p.m. Sunday, she added, "Technically, I'm flying for an hour on 9/11 because it will be 9/12" for most of the flight.

Authorities and travelers were clearly on edge:

— Two fighter jets escorted a New York-bound American Airlines flight from Los Angeles after three passengers locked themselves in the bathroom, officials said. A law enforcement official said the incident was not believed to be terrorism-related.

The plane landed safely at

John F. Kennedy International Airport.

— A man was detained at the Kansas City, Missouri, airport and a terminal shut down after authorities found suspicious items in his

"Sons of Guns," and he was merely waiting to pick up another crew member, FBI official Kevin Gentry said. Reminders of the day's significance were palpable in airports across the U.S. and

and a bugler played.

Matt Yates, an accountant traveling from John Wayne Airport in Southern California to Atlanta and Florida for business, wore an American flag shirt that he dons on patriotic occasions.

And Genevieve Mercier, a nurse who passed the time with a French novel about a plane crash, arrived at John Wayne 3½ hours early for her flight home to suburban Montreal in anticipation of heavy security.

In many ways, there were acknowledgments of Sept. 11 all around, even if passengers didn't immediately realize it.

Travelers in line at the security checkpoints had to take out their driver's licenses — one of the many security measures introduced after the terror attacks.

And at John Wayne, someone left behind a belt at the X-ray machine, and an announcement came over the public address system asking the owner to claim it.

In Los Angeles, Mindy Garrett of Arizona was flying with her husband and their two children to San Diego to visit SeaWorld and the zoo.

"I knew it was Sept. 11, but CNN said the threats were on the ground not in the air. And LAX is a big airport," she said.

"It just worked out to be the best date for us. I mean, if someone's going to blow me up ...," husband Thomas added with a shrug. □



Los Angeles airport police carrying automatic weapons patrol a curbside drop-off area Sunday, Sept. 11, 2011 as travelers prepare to board flights at Los Angeles International Airport, the destination of three of four hijacked aircraft, on the 10th anniversary of terrorist attacks on the U.S.

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carry-on bag. Authorities said the items tested negative for explosive materials, but they gave no further details on what they found.

— A Ryder rental truck parked at a curb at the Dallas-Fort Worth Airport caused a brief scare. Authorities became alarmed when the driver said, "I got a couple of guns," but he turned out to be a member of the crew of the Discovery Channel cable TV show

beyond.

At Boston's Logan Airport, where the jetliners that brought down the World Trade Center took off, ticket agents, baggage screeners and other workers paused at 8:46 a.m. for a moment of silence to mark the time the first plane struck the twin towers.

At the Tampa, Florida, airport, an honor guard of law enforcement officers carried flags while a bagpiper

Bachmann to rejoin debate

TRIP GABRIEL

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Michele Bachmann burst like a nova onto the presidential race thanks to a smooth and confident performance that lit up the stage at a Republican debate in June.

Now, with polls showing her popularity dwindling, her campaign is hoping to recapture its early momentum by again showcasing her strengths in a national debate on Monday night.

Bachmann, a U.S. representative from Minnesota, won the first important test of the Republican race in a straw poll in Iowa last month, but she has been upstaged ever since by the entrance of Gov. Rick Perry of Texas into the race.

She was uncharacteristically restrained at a debate Wednesday in California while Perry and Mitt Romney, a former Massachusetts governor, tore into each other as if they were the only two candidates on stage.

It was not until 14 minutes in that Bachmann got to speak.

Monday night's debate offers her the chance to rejoin the conversation, but attention will naturally be focused on Perry and Romney, who are engaging in a war of words over Perry's criticism of Social Security as "a Ponzi scheme" and "a monstrous lie." □

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A choice made decades ago comes back to haunt a town

SUSAN SAULNY

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WEST PITSTON, Pa. — On a flood-ravaged street on the west bank of the Susquehanna River, a pointed question is literally written large now in white spray paint on the side of a building: "Levee or view?"

The question, posed by an anonymous provocateur, strikes at the heart of a sore subject in this once idyllic hamlet of about 5,000 residents, as it digs out of the mud and assesses the damage caused by record-breaking flooding over the past several days. The Susquehanna, swollen by the remnants of Tropical Storm Lee, inundated West Pittston, swallowing some houses almost to their second floors, and giving parts of the town the appearance of a muck-coated moonscape. For many here, what is left of their former lives is debris piled high on the curb.

Levee or view?

This is not the first time that this town has faced the issue. Almost 40 years ago, in the aftermath of another catastrophic flood, the

same question was posed. But wary of the price of construction and protective of its picturesque vistas, West Pittston decided to go with the view. Meanwhile, most other cities along the Susquehanna built stronger, higher levees.

So when the Susquehanna

precisely because of its neighbors' enhanced levee systems, which forced the water into a narrower, more elevated channel.

Few realized what would be the ultimate price — until now. And a new generation of homeowners is left to come to terms with the



A man walks by flood waters inundating a street in West Pittston, Pa., Sept. 10, 2011. The Susquehanna, swollen by the remnants of Tropical Storm Lee, inundated West Pittston and its surrounding areas, swallowing some houses almost to their second floors and leaving behind catastrophic flood levels.

(Niko Kallianiotis/The New York Times)

rose to catastrophic flood levels again Friday morning, West Pittston had no protection at all. And it is likely that this time the town faced even higher water traveling at greater speed

ultimate price of a decision made before some of them were even born. It stings.

"That was an entirely different generation," said Ivy Berry, whose handsome,

French colonial-style home was built almost 100 years ago less than a block from the river. "This new generation wants a levee!"

Berry, 38, a restaurant franchise owner, and her extended family spent the weekend hosing off what unbroken belongings they could salvage: china, silverware, a few wine glasses. The basement was still full of debris-laden water. A thick layer of mud made walking up the porch steps a hazard.

Standing there, Berry contemplated her unobstructed view: "The reason we bought a house on this street was because we could see the river. But that's not important now." The toll the Susquehanna took when it roared through West Pittston be-

gan to draw gawkers over the weekend. One man stood on the river bank and said: "I don't feel sorry for them at all. They made their choice."

But the residents of West Pittston are not looking for sympathy, just a dose of understanding. And they hope that when all the debris is cleared, they might have another shot at answering the now infamous local question.

The state seems to be on their side.

"Part of the aftermath of a storm like this is, we will go back and ask what we can do to mitigate damage like this in the future," said Cory Angell, a spokesman for the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency. "That will be a part of the process." □

Tea party-CNN debate likely to focus on Perry

RICHARD S. DUNHAM

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WASHINGTON - The tea party movement is officially welcomed into the Republican mainstream today as the first presidential debate sponsored by a tea party group takes place in Tampa, Fla.

Tonight's nationally televised encounter at the Florida State Fairgrounds, co-sponsored by the Tea Party Express and CNN, is likely to highlight the anti-government, anti-spending issues dear to the insurgent conservative movement.

The debate also is likely to feature stepped-up attacks on the new front-runner in the GOP primary race, Texas Gov. Rick Perry. The candidate most likely to take the offensive is Rep. Michele Bachmann of Minnesota, who has been displaced as tea party Republicans' favorite candidate by Perry. And libertarian Rep. Ron Paul, R-Texas, will continue his verbal assault on Perry as a party-switching opportunist who once worked for Al Gore and has not been shy to use government power to suit his political purposes.

The beneficiary of any piling on Perry would be former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, the early front-runner who has slipped to second in nine GOP presidential polls released in the past three weeks.

"The field will attack Perry, and Romney

can enjoy that," said Steven E. Schier, a political scientist at Carleton College. "But he will make his own distinctions in the debate, too."

Romney is poised to step up his criticism of Perry's position on Social Security - the Texas governor calls it a "Ponzi scheme" while the former Massachusetts governor promises to restore its financial solvency - while taking advantage of the focus on Perry to push his own policy proposals.

"Having others attack Perry means Romney is not getting attacked," said Jim Granato, director of the Hobby Center for Public Policy at the University of Houston, "and it means he can spend his time on further sharpening his own message about why people should vote for him. There is a benefit to not being the front-runner."

Romney, a former Winter Olympics CEO and venture capitalist, hopes to use the debate to establish his economic policy credentials with tea party supporters, who strongly favor spending cuts, tax cuts and less government regulation but are suspicious of the health-care reform plan he implemented in Massachusetts.

To sway anti-government skeptics, said Carleton's Schier, Romney "will need to emphasize private sector solutions to economic problems as a way to gain their support." □

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Monster Island to close, and underground clubs lose a haven

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NEW YORK – Man Forever, a five-piece band, was making some decidedly

chords, and the bass and guitar thrummed muddy harmonies that fed back on themselves. The effect was of a primordial drone in



People look at art work during Monster Island's Farewell Block Party at 210 Kent Avenue in New York, Sept. 10, 2011. Monster Island, a collection of do-it-yourself performance spaces and studios, is shutting down this month because the landlord wants to redevelop the property and has not renewed the lease.

(Karsten Moran/The New York Times)

unmarketable noise. Two drummers sat on either side of a snare drum, rolling out an undercurrent of cadences, while an organist with wild hair played endlessly sustained dissonant

which overtones clashed and warbled, phasing in and out in waves, chaos seeking order. The concert was particularly poignant for the hundred or so people who

stood listening intently in the bright light off the East River in Brooklyn because it was the last time they would be able to gather for a block party at Monster Island, a collection of performance spaces and studios in a faded commercial building covered with murals near the Williamsburg waterfront. Many said they had been coming there to hear new music or see off-the-wall art installations for seven years. Some were heartbroken; some philosophical.

"Scenes have life cycles," said Sam Hillmer, 33, a saxophonist with the trio ZS who was drinking a beer on the loading dock as the waves of sound from the stage washed around him. "It's like passing a torch. You have a couple decades, a decade, half a decade, whatever. Then somebody else picks it up."

Monster Island is shutting down this month because the landlord wants to re-



Jack Hines of the K-Holes performs during Monster Island's Farewell Block Party at 210 Kent Avenue in New York, Sept. 10, 2011. Monster Island, a collection of do-it-yourself performance spaces and studios, is shutting down this month because the landlord wants to redevelop the property and has not renewed the lease.

(Karsten Moran/The New York Times)

develop the property and has not renewed the lease. Its fans marked its passing with a block party on Saturday. The end of this haven for struggling artists and musicians is a sign of broader changes in the neighborhood, where new condominiums are replacing the dilapidated warehouses, and upscale bars and restaurants have appeared on streets where

once there were only underground clubs in vacant commercial buildings.

The eviction of Monster Island – home to two non-profit performance spaces, a screen-printing shop, a surf shop, a recording studio and several artists' studios – is a reminder that the city is always remaking itself, and nowhere is that more true than in the world of underground music, where performance spots and galleries operate with little cash, often on the fringe of the law.

A few, like Monster Island, become institutions of a sort. In the past 18 months two other spaces – the Market Hotel in Brooklyn, and the Silent Barn a bit farther east in Queens – have also been forced to close. Both were raided by city authorities, who demanded they comply with fire and building codes. (City officials said there had been no concerted effort to crack down on underground clubs in the area.)

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Louisiana business owners sue over wage rules

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EUNICE, La. – The workers have been in fine spirits this summer in the small plant where Dexter Guillory cuts up alligator meat to feed the growing demand from Southern restaurants for the swamp creatures' steaks. Guillory runs his family business in this Cajun country town with a mix of local employees and guest workers from Mexico, who come up each year on legal visas through a federal program known as H-2B. All the workers are paid by the pound of meat they carve in the well-chilled plant, and this year there have been plenty of alligators, so earnings have been good. "I love this work because I cut more alligator, I make more money, that's why," said Lorena Aguilar, 38, who has been coming from Sinaloa, Mexico, with half a dozen of her relatives, to work for Guillory for part of the year for nearly a decade. But small-business owners in south Louisiana, like Guillory, who cut alligators, peel crawfish, shuck oysters, shell crabs and process shrimp say they are about to receive a shock from new Labor Department regulations that make broad changes to the H-2B program. The employers say the rules, including some issued in January and some still under consideration, could put many of them out of business.

On Wednesday, several Louisiana food associations brought a federal lawsuit against the Labor Department and the Department of Homeland Security, which jointly administer the

H-2B program, saying a new mandatory method for setting wages for foreign workers would cause "catastrophic results." Starting Sept. 30, they would have to pay guest workers at crawfish and shrimp processors wage increases that range from 51 percent to 83 percent of current hourly rates, according to the suit. The employers said these sudden increases would be crippling and would expose them to unwinnable competition from foreign imports and from other businesses that hire illegal immigrants. The suit was joined by other Louisiana businesses that use the guest-worker program, including forestry companies, hotel and amusement park owners and sugar growers. The dispute is a microcosm of the nation's larger debate over job creation, which President Barack Obama has made his priority. Louisiana employers say their businesses, which give work to thousands of Americans as well as foreign migrants, are being hamstrung by proliferating federal regulations. Administration officials argue that stronger rules are needed to protect Americans' jobs and wages in a time of high unemployment. The Louisiana lawsuit puts the Labor Department back in the middle of a running feud between employers and labor advocates over one of the few programs that bring Mexican and other foreign low-wage workers legally to the U.S. Under the H-2B program, employers can bring in up to



Employees at work at Motivatiit Seafoods, in Houma, La., Aug. 2, 2011. Several Louisiana seafood associations brought a federal lawsuit against the Labor Department and the Department of Homeland Security, which jointly administer the H-2B program, in relation to setting foreign worker's wages.

(William Widmer/The New York Times)

66,000 nonagricultural foreign workers each year for temporary stints, after they have shown that U.S. workers are not available and that Americans' wages will not be adversely affected. After years of complaints from employers that the program was inefficient and cumbersome, the administration of President George W. Bush sought to streamline the application process, putting new regulations into effect in January 2009. Farmworker organizations sued the Labor Department to reverse them. □

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Official:**Gadhafi's son al-Saadi flees to Niger**

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NIAMEY, Niger (AP) — A convoy carrying ousted Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi's son al-Saadi has crossed into neighboring Niger, a spokesman for Niger's government said Sunday, one of the highest-profile former regime figure to flee to the landlocked African nation.

Al-Saadi, the fugitive ruler's 37-year-old son, entered Niger in a convoy with nine other people, said Niger Justice Minister Amadou Morou. The vehicles were traveling south toward the outpost of Agadez, where other fleeing Libyan loyalists are believed to be holed up in a hotel.

"I wish to announce that one of Gadhafi's sons — al-Saadi Gadhafi — was intercepted in the north of Niger by a patrol of the Nigerien military," Morou told reporters late Sunday.

He said al-Saadi "has no status at all" in Niger, indicating that he has not been granted refugee status, which would guarantees him certain rights.



Al-Saadi Gadhafi, the son of Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi, reacts in front of the leader's portrait during a press conference in Sydney, Australia. The spokesman for Niger's government announced Sunday Sept. 11, 2011 that Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi's son Al-Saadi has entered the country via the northern desert separating the landlocked African nation from Libya. Amadou Morou, who is also the minister of justice, told reporters at a news conference Sunday: "I wish to announce to you that one of Gadhafi's sons, Al-Saadi Gadhafi, was intercepted in the north of Niger."

(AP Photo/Dan Peled, file)

Since last week, several convoys carrying senior officials of the former Libyan regime as well as civilians and soldiers have made their way across the porous desert border into Niger. Among them were several of Gadhafi's top military officers, including his chief of security and the head of his southern command.

Niger has faced increasing scrutiny for allowing the former regime members onto its soil, and al-Saadi's arrival will likely intensify international pressure on the country to cooperate with Libya's new rulers.

They want all Gadhafi's sons — and Gadhafi himself, who is on the run — to be turned over for trial. □

Somali gunmen attack British tourists in Kenya

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NAIROBI, Kenya — A boatload of Somali gunmen attacked an exclusive beach resort in Kenya on Sunday, killing a British tourist and kidnapping his wife before racing back into Somalia, Western diplomats said.

U.S. officials were initially concerned that the strike might have been connected to the 10th anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks and that the gunmen were Islamist militants looking for Americans. But Western diplomats were leaning away from that theory on Sunday night, though they said they were still uncertain about the motive for the attack.

The resort, Kiwayu Safari Village, is just south of the Somali border and is one of the most expensive destinations in Kenya, where guests stay in \$1,300-a-night bungalows at the water's edge and are summoned to feasts at night by the trumpeting of a conch shell. Prince William and Mick Jagger are said to have vacationed there.

The gunmen attacked under the cover of darkness, zooming up to the beach in a skiff shortly after midnight, the Western diplomats said.

It was not clear how the British tourist was killed, but officials said the gunmen sped away with the dead man's wife, heading toward Ras Kamboni, Somalia, a well-known hide-out for Islamist militants.

Kenyan police officials said that the couple were the resort's only guests at the time, the Associated Press reported.

British officials issued a short statement confirming the attack and warning against all but essential travel within 19 miles of the Somali border.

The island of Lamu, just south of Kiwayu, is a popular vacation spot, though the area north of it is considered dangerous, and the U.S. government has warned Americans

to stay away. Somali gunmen attacked Kiwayu Safari Village and robbed guests several years ago, and security is clearly a concern at the resort, which has a special tab on its home page labeled "Security" underneath a motto that says: "The only rule here is to relax."

Western diplomats said Sunday that they were investigating whether the raid was politically motivated or the work of an anti-Western group like the Shabab, an Islamist militia that has pledged allegiance to al-Qaida and recently threatened to step up attacks inside Kenya. Or possibly, the diplomats said, the attackers simply wanted money and focused on the resort because it is known for its well-heeled clientele.

Some analysts in Somalia said the attackers may have been part of a pirate gang. Somali pirates have hijacked dozens of ships in recent years and held their crews for multimillion-dollar ransoms. □

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Bomb at US base reminder of raging Afghan war

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Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)

— A powerful Taliban truck bomb that wounded 77 American soldiers and killed five Afghans outside a combat outpost served as a reminder on Sunday that 10 years after the Sept. 11 attacks, nearly 100,000 U.S. troops are still fighting a war that shows no signs of slowing down.

No U.S. troops were killed when the massive bomb loaded on a truck filled with firewood exploded Saturday night just outside the gates of Combat Outpost Sayed Abad in eastern Wardak province.

NATO said a protective barrier at the entrance absorbed most of the force of the blast, although the area outside the base was hit hard.

Officials said the Afghans killed included a policeman and four civilians, including a 3-year-old girl. Another 17 Afghans — 14 civilians and three policemen — were wounded. The provincial governor said the blast was so powerful it damaged about 100 shops in the nearby Sayed Abad bazaar.

Although Saturday's truck bombing occurred outside the base, the numbers of injuries it caused was significant. Combat outposts usually house about 200 troops. The Taliban claimed responsibility for the attack. Earlier, they had issued a statement vowing to fight until all foreign troops leave. The radical Islamic movement, which gave shelter to Osama bin Laden and al-Qaida when it ruled Afghanistan, also stressed that it had no role in the Sept. 11 attacks, and it accused the U.S. of using them as a pretext to invade the country.

"The Afghans have an end-



Spc. Angel Batista, 26, left to right, of Bloomingdale, N.J., Spc. Jacob Greene, 22, of Shreveport, La., and Sgt. Joe Altmann, 26, of Marshfield, Wisc., with the U.S. Army's 25th Infantry Division, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Battalion 27th Infantry Regiment based in Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, sit beneath a new American flag just raised to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the 9/11 attacks Sept. 11, 2011 at Forward Operating Base Bostick in Kunar province, Afghanistan.

(AP Photo/David Goldman)

less stamina for a long war," the statement said. "Through a countrywide

uprising, the Afghans will send the Americans to the dustbin of history like they

sent other empires of the past."

The attack occurred just over 40 miles (70 kilometers), or about an hour's drive, from Kabul in an increasingly lawless district in a key province that controls a strategic approach to the capital.

Sayed Abad is seven miles (12 kilometers) east of the Tangi Valley, where the Taliban on Aug. 6 shot down a U.S. military helicopter, killing 30 Americans. Many of the dead belonged to the U.S. Navy's SEAL Team 6 — the same elite unit that killed bin Laden during a May 2 cross-border raid into Pakistan, where al-Qaida's leadership was driven. It was the deadliest single loss for American forces in the decade-old war.

"Some back home have asked why we are still here," U.S. Ambassador Ryan Crocker said at a 9/11 memorial at the embassy in Kabul.

"We're here so that there is never again another 9/11 coming from Afghan soil. We, with our Afghan partners, figured out that the best way to ensure that is to work together and with the international community for a stable, secure, democratic Afghanistan."

The Taliban continue to launch regular attacks and orchestrate assassination campaigns against those allied with the government. In addition to the attack in Wardak on Saturday, 10 Afghan civilians were killed in two separate roadside bombings. □

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Retired general leads in Guatemala election

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GUATEMALA CITY (AP) —

A former military general known for his "iron fist" campaign to stop Guatemala's epidemic crime rates led the field of 10 candidates heading into Sunday's presidential election.

Voters disappointed in outgoing President Alvaro Colom's failure to reduce crime have indicated that Otto Perez Molina may be the best person to lead the charge in a nation with one of the highest murder rates in the Western Hemisphere. "I'm voting because it's my duty, because I'm Guatemalan — but also so we can get under control all of the violence, corruption, impunity and lack of employment in my country," said 68-year-old veterinarian Luis Eduardo Rodriguez Contenti, a Guatemala City resident.

Rodriguez works in Guatemala's violent northern region of Peten, where 27 people were decapitated in an assault in March that authorities attribute to the Zetas drug gang, a Mexico-based organization that has expanded across the border.

"My business has fallen by 60 percent, especially after what happened in March," Rodriguez said.

The president of the Supreme Electoral Tribunal, Maria Eugenia Villagran, estimated the turnout to be higher than 50 percent.

In the most recent polls, Perez had the support of as many as 48 percent of voters, followed by businessmen Manuel Baldizon with 18 and Eduardo Suger with

10 percent. All are right-leaning.

Perez needs more than 50 percent of the vote to avoid a November runoff. The winner takes office in January.

"Let's not exclude the possibility that we could win in the first round," Perez said

quarters of Perez's Patriot Party in San Miguel Chaparron, about 100 miles (161 kilometers) east of Guatemala city. A security guard at the headquarters died, as well as the body guard of the mayoral candidate for the rival National Unity for Hope.



Manuel Baldizon, presidential candidate of Guatemala's Democratic Freedom Revival Party, gestures after marking his ballot in a voting booth during the country's general elections in Peten, Guatemala, Sunday Sept. 11, 2011. Baldizon, a tycoon-turned-political populist is the closest challenger of leading presidential candidate Otto Perez Molina in a field of 10 candidates, according to polls.

(AP Photo/Alex Cruz)

after casting his vote in a local school Sunday. "It will be the will of God and the Guatemalan people, but let's not rule it out."

There were sporadic reports of violence related to the vote, but nothing like in 2007 when Perez narrowly lost to Colom.

That campaign was marred by a wave of violence that left more than 50 candidates, party activists and their family members dead. Police spokesman Donald Gonzalez said Sunday that unknown assailants opened fire on the head-

Police are investigating the details of what happened. Violence is epidemic in this nation of 14.7 million people, and organized crime has overrun many regions. Guatemala has a murder rate of 45 per 100,000, according to a report by the World Bank.

Perez, who lost to Colom in 2007, would be the first former military leader elected president since democracy was restored in the country in 1986, after the military dictatorships of the 1970s and '80s.

A U.N.-sponsored truth

commission found that 200,000 people were killed in Guatemala's 36-year civil war, 93 percent of them by state forces and paramilitary groups. Nonetheless, many credit Perez as having played a key role in the march toward democracy, including negotiating the 1996 peace accords that ended the conflict.

Seventy-five percent of Guatemalans live in poverty, and the indigenous and rural poor who were most hurt by the war are also bearing the brunt of the current violence.

Among a field of 10 candidates, the only leftist running is Nobel Peace Prize laureate and Mayan activist Rigoberta Menchu, who is polling with little more than 2 percent.

Baldizon, a tycoon-turned-political populist, has promised to employ the death penalty, now rarely used, and to televise executions. Suger, who built a network of private universities, is an open defender of neoliberalism, the policy of relying on private enterprise and a market-driven approach to economic and social problems, which also stresses liberalized trade and relatively open markets.

Perez's strongest opponent was barred from running. Sandra Torres, Colom's ex-wife, was declared ineligible by the Supreme Court because the constitution bars family members of the president from running. Torres divorced Colom before declaring her candidacy, but the courts saw the move as a maneuver to evade the law. □

Sit-in for cleric from '93 attack

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CAIRO (AP) — Around 100 Islamists protested Sunday near the U.S. Embassy in Cairo against the detention of Egyptian-born Sheik Omar Abdel-Rahman, serving a life sentence in the U.S. for a plot to blow up New York City landmarks.

Known as the "Blind Sheik," he was the spiritual leader of men convicted in the 1993 World Trade Center bombing.

Supporters of the 73 year-old sheik say they will not end their sit-in until he is repatriated to Egypt on humanitarian grounds.

Abdel-Rahman is diabetic and while in prison has waged hunger strikes and shunned his insulin.

His son, Mohamed, told reporters on the 10th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks that Abdel-Rahman was a victim of ousted President Hosni Mubarak's anti-Islamist policies, and that Mubarak's close ties to the U.S. helped ensure his arrest.

Sunday's gathering of conservative Muslims, many of whom are part of Gamaa Islamiya, or the "Islamic Group," would have been impossible under Mubarak. Also, it was near the heavily fortified concrete gates of the U.S. Embassy in Cairo.

The Gamaa Islamiya was a militant organization that fought the Mubarak regime in a bloody insurgency in the 1990s, seeking to establish an Islamic state in Egypt. Thousands of the group's members were arrested under Mubarak's nearly three-decade long rule. □




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Bombs explode in restive central Nigeria city

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JOS, Nigeria (AP) — At least two bombs detonated Sunday night near beer halls in a rough neighborhood of a central Nigerian city beset by religious and ethnic violence, causing unknown injuries, witnesses said.

The bombs exploded at about 9 p.m. local time Sunday in an area of Jos known as West of Mines, a seedy neighborhood filled with outdoor beer parlors, food stands and brothels, witnesses said. After the explosions, panicked bystanders fled into the night, with cars racing away from the blast running down fleeing patrons, witness Peter Nwabuchi said.

Capt. Charles Ekeocha, a spokesman for the military force tasked with keeping peace in the city, confirmed the bombs exploded. Ekeocha declined to offer injury figures, promising to give more details Monday. Local police officials did not answer calls for comment late Sunday night. State government spokesman Pam Ayuba could not be reached for comment. Yushau Shuaib, a spokesman for Nigeria's National Emergency Management Agency, said early Monday there had been no immediate report of fatalities from the attack. Jos is the capital of Plateau state, which sits in Nigeria's "middle belt," where dozens of ethnic groups vie for power. The city has been at the epicenter of religious and ethnic violence in the country, straddling the dividing line between Nigeria's largely Christian south and Muslim north. The Jos violence, though fractured across religious lines, often

has more to do with local politics, economics and rights to grazing lands. The government of Plateau state is controlled by Christian politicians who have blocked Muslims from being legally recognized as citizens. That has locked many out of prized government jobs in a region where the tourism industry and tin mining have collapsed in the last decades. At least 54 people have died in the last week alone in the pasturelands and hills surrounding Jos in a wave of continuing violence that security forces appear unable to stop. Human Rights Watch says at least 1,000 people were killed in the area in 2010. No group immediately claimed responsibility for the blast. However, the targeting of informal beer parlors remains a hallmark of a radical Muslim sect from Nigeria's northeast known locally as Boko Haram.

Boko Haram, whose name means "Western education is sacrilege" in the local Hausa language, is responsible for a rash of killings targeting security officers, local leaders and clerics. They claimed responsibility for a bomb that tore through the United Nations' Abuja headquarters on Aug. 26, killing 23 people and wounding 81. The sect also has claimed responsibility for a bombing at the nation's police headquarters in Abuja that killed two people in June. The sect, which wants to implement a strict version of Shariah law in the nation, claimed responsibility for a series of bombings in Jos on Dec. 25 that killed at least 32 people and wounded at least 74 others. □

Tanzania: At least 240 killed in ferry sinking



Tanzanian police carry bodies of children from the sea in Zanzibar, Tanzania, Saturday Sept 10, 2011. An overcrowded ship sank in deep sea off mainland Tanzania on Saturday with about 600 people onboard, and about 370 people are believed missing or dead. The ferry, M.V. Spice Islanders, was heavily overloaded and some potential passengers had refused to board when it was leaving the mainland port of Dar es Salaam, said survivor Abdullah Saied. It sank in an area with heavy currents in deep sea between mainland Tanzania and Pemba Island at about 1 a.m. Saturday. About 230 people had been rescued and 40 bodies had been recovered, said Mohamed Aboud, the minister for the vice president's office.

(AP Photo/Ali Sultan)

president's office on the island of Zanzibar. He said around 600 people had been rescued so far and that the government was still looking for the vessel's captain. "The government is holding the chief engineer for questioning in order to gather details," said Mohammed. "The captain of the ferry is still missing and the government doesn't know precisely the owner of the ferry." Survivors said the M.V. Spice Islanders, which sank near the tourist destination of Zanzibar, was well beyond its official capacity of 600 passengers. Many residents angrily asked why the boat had been allowed to leave port so overloaded. The bodies were taken to a sports field, where imams said prayers and the bodies were washed and wrapped in white according to Islamic custom. The government is paying for all funeral costs, Mohammed said. □

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STONE TOWN, Tanzania (AP) — More than 240 people were killed when a crowded ferry sank off Tanzania's coast and some 600 have been rescued, officials said, figures that indicate the boat was filled beyond capacity.

Assistant police commissioner Mussa Ali Mussa, the head of police in Zanzibar, said Sunday that at least 240 people died when the ferry sank early Saturday. His comments were broadcast by state-owned channel TBC.

Relatives had claimed 192 bodies and 28 more were awaiting identification on Sunday, said Mohammed Aboud Mohammed, the minister for state in the vice

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Sony Pictures bets on dramas for grown-ups

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TORONTO — "This was not by design," said Michael Lynton, chairman of Sony Pictures Entertainment.

Lynton referred to an eruption of pictures, 11 in all, that have turned his company into a dominant presence among American film distributors at the Toronto International Film Festival, which often sets patterns that hold through the movie awards season.

Lynton spoke Friday evening in Sony's lush hospitality suite at the Ritz-Carlton hotel here. He had just ducked out of a gala across the street, where Brad Pitt, Philip Seymour Hoffman and other stars were introducing Sony's baseball-themed drama "Moneyball." Soon he would head off to another gala to promote "The Ides of March," another Sony drama that is dropping into the Oscar season.

"Anonymous," an Elizabethan-era thriller starring Rhys Ifans, is a third entry from Sony's flagship Columbia Pictures unit, while Sony Pictures Classics, an art house division, is contributing no fewer than eight films to the festival.

It is an extraordinary showing, in a year when Warner Brothers, Disney and the main studio labels at Fox, and Universal Studios, laid low.

In the past half-decade, some studios folded or sold small-film units like Warner Independent Pictures and Disney's Miramax Films, while others severely curtailed their commitment to

the adult dramas that frequently turn into prize contenders.

Now the grown-up side of Hollywood, in some quarters, at least, is experiencing a resurgence.

He insisted that his own company never stopped producing popular yet sophisticated films, like "Julie & Julia" or the less successful remake of "All the King's Men." But, he said, it stum-

mystery to me," Lynton said. Still, his company is sending an entire fleet of films into the season, perhaps the least expected being "Anonymous."

Directed by Roland Emm-

On Monday, the Weinstein Co.'s movie "W.E." will be shown. The movie was directed by Madonna, and tells a love story involving Wallis Simpson and the abdication of King Edward VIII — and took some serious critical hits when it was shown on at the Venice Film Festival.

"It's in focus, which is more than can be said for the script," Leslie Felperin wrote for Variety in one of the less brutal reviews.

Still, David Glasser, Weinstein's chief operating officer, said his small studio was headed into a strong fourth quarter that will be buoyed by "The Artist," a silent, black-and-white film that is being promoted as a best picture contender, and "Butter," a comedy set in the world of butter sculptures — with an eye on the pre-Oscar Golden Globes.

"It's a good year," Glasser said over breakfast at the Four Seasons hotel on Friday morning.

He argued that a streetwise contingent of private investors like Megan Ellison, who financed "The Master," a forthcoming drama directed by Paul Thomas Anderson, and Jeff Skoll, whose company, Participant Media, has a stake in Warner's "Contagion," have contributed to an unexpected revival of adult dramas.

The biggest collection of movies here belongs to Canada's Alliance Films, which, together with its associated Momentum Pictures, an international distributor, perennially bulks up the Toronto festival with its entries. □



Brad Pitt in a scene from "Moneyball" in an undated handout photo. The film is one of Sony Pictures Entertainment's 11 pictures at the Toronto International Film Festival.

(Melinda Sue Gordon/Columbia Pictures via The New York Times)

Newer distributors like Relativity Media, with its Africa-based social drama "Machine Gun Preacher," or Summit Entertainment, with its cancer-themed "50-50," are stirring up the festival circuit.

Meanwhile, some of the established players — notably Sony, as well as Weinstein Co., which has landed in Toronto with six films — are releasing surprisingly robust slates of thoughtful, star-heavy movies, the kind of pictures that only a few years ago appeared headed toward extinction.

"These are the kind of movies, people said, 'Oh, they're not making them any more,'" Lynton said.

bled into a bounty of them this year with projects that came together all at once. Sony last year narrowly missed in its bid for a best picture Oscar, as its prime candidate, "The Social Network," was edged by the Weinstein Co.'s entry, "The King's Speech." Released late in the season, "The King's Speech" took the Oscar after "The Social Network," directed by David Fincher, swept up the early honors.

This time, Sony is looking for the late-year advantage with Fincher's "The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo," which is set for release on Dec. 21. "The whole academy process remains a complete

erich, who is best known for planet-wrecking fare like "Godzilla" and "2012," the new film tells a complicated story of 16th-century court intrigues in which a nearly illiterate ne'er-do-well actor, Will Shakespeare, earns public credit for a brilliant collection of plays that, as the movie tells it, were written by someone else.

"I was stunned," Lynton said of the film, which plays as if it were directed by someone with art house credentials rather than Emmerich's slate of blockbusters. Its audacious revisionism is bound to recall another alternative history, "Shakespeare in Love," that won the best picture Oscar in 1999.



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InselAir offers more flights to ABC

ORANJESTAD – Starting September 12th, InselAir is offering the ABC's the opportunity to experience more flights between the islands.

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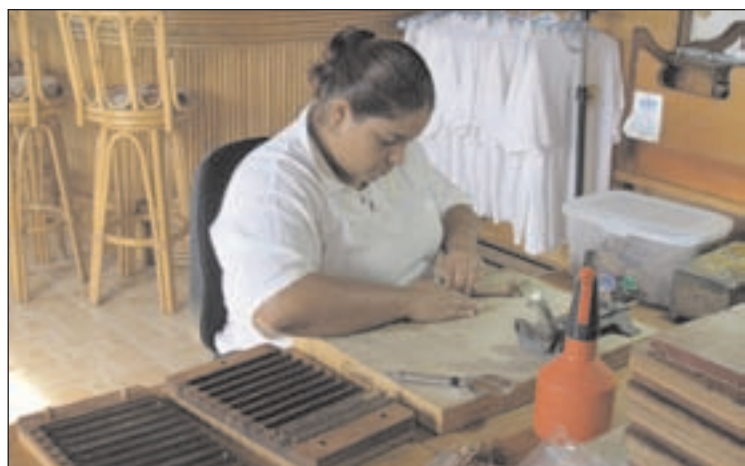
The new schedule also makes it easier to make social visits within one day,

due to its flexibility.

The new flight schedule between Aruba, Bonaire and Curacao also creates more

connection opportunities with various interliners such as: KLM, US Airways, GOL, Aviana and Winair. □

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ORANJESTAD- Benjamin Petrocchi started the newest export product of Aruba, locally produced cigars called "Aruhiba". These cigars are produced and cultivated in Aruba. Petrocchi has always had an interest in the cigar business and has also sold Premium Cuban Cigars, and now he is growing his own tobacco crop. After many attempts and trips to Santo Domingo and Cuba he started his own production and cultivation of Aruhiba Cigars in Aruba. The process took ten years. Petrocchi dedication to the cigars is important for the molding and process of making a perfect cigar which takes a long time. The cigar box is



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Sustainable development:

Latin America and the Caribbean conclude the regional meeting preparatory to Rio+20

Countries will take the recommendations to the world conference to be held in Brazil in 2012.

(10 September 2011) At the closure of the Latin American and Caribbean Regional Meeting Preparatory to the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20), the ministers and representatives of the Governments in Latin America and the Caribbean, gathered at ECLAC headquarters in Santiago, Chile, agreed that it is necessary to achieve a global institutional framework for sustainable development "which is efficient and flexible and ensures the effective integration of its three pillars (social, economic and environmental)".

The delegates stated that, on the road to the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20), which will take place in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in 2012, a change in patterns of production and consumption must be achieved, in addition to better ways of measuring countries' wealth that adequately reflect the three pillars of sustainable development, "while maintaining the fundamental principles of common but differentiated responsibilities and equity".

Following three days of

deliberations, the representatives examined the progress to date since the 1992 Earth Summit and the gaps still remaining as regards achievement of the goals of sustainable development, which are more

concerned about the safe future of present generations and those to come," stated José Luis Balmaceda, Director of Environment and Marine Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Chile and Vice-president of

the preparatory process. "We will prepare a report in which will include the words of all who participated in this meeting," she said. In the document with the conclusions of the meeting, the delegates stated

new, additional, stable and predictable financing for supporting implementation activities in developing countries; the fulfilment of mitigation and adaptation commitments in relation to climate change and the building of resilience to its impacts; and greater South-South cooperation and exchange of successful experiences".

They included the need for "full implementation of the right to access to environmental information, participation and justice enshrined in Principle 10 of the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development". Furthermore, the representatives of the States of Latin America and the Caribbean expressed their firm determination to continue to work towards sustainable development, with the primordial purpose of eradicating poverty and achieving equality in our societies, bearing in mind the particular characteristics of each of the States of the region.

They reaffirmed the commitment of the countries of the region to continue to contribute constructively to a successful outcome of Rio+20 and they thanked ECLAC for its constant efforts and the support it extends to the countries of the region. □



pressing in the case of the small island States of the Caribbean.

"We leave knowing that an important step has been made in the search for a regional stance that will represent us at Rio, which I am sure will be well received by the various stakeholders in our societies who are

the meeting.

"We wish Brazil every success. ECLAC is willing to help the hosting country in any way," said Alicia Bárcena, Executive Secretary of ECLAC.

In relation to the meeting, she stated that it has been a pleasure for ECLAC to accompany them during

that "some of the barriers to the achievement of sustainable development are the scientific and technological gap, the lack of sufficient financing and the fragmentation in implementation".

They also indicated the need to achieve "the eradication of extreme poverty;

NFL season opens with Sept. 11 tributes

Carolina Panthers wide receiver Steve Smith displays his gloves prior to an NFL football game against the Arizona Cardinals, Sunday, Sept. 11, 2011, in Glendale, Ariz. Sunday was the 10th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks.

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Samantha Stosur of Australia returns a shot to Serena Williams during the women's championship match at the U.S. Open tennis tournament in New York, Sunday, Sept. 11, 2011.

Associated Press

Stosur upsets Williams in Open final

HOWARD FENDRICH
AP Tennis Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Already outplayed by Sam Stosur in the U.S. Open final, the last thing Serena Williams needed was to lose a game for yelling during a point. That's exactly what happened early in the second set, leading to an argument between Williams and the chair umpire, a scene less ugly than — but reminiscent of — the American's tirade two years ago at the same tournament. In the end, Stosur beat Williams 6-2, 6-3 Sunday in a surprisingly lopsided upset for her first Grand Slam title. "I think I had one of my best days," Stosur said. "I'm very fortunate to do it on this stage."

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BEAR FOOTIN'

Bears maul Falcons in opener, 30-12

Chicago Bears wide receiver Roy Williams (11) makes a reception while covered by Atlanta Falcons cornerback Dunta Robinson (23) in the first half of an NFL football game, Sunday, Sept. 11, 2011, in Chicago.

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Yohan Blake clocks 9.82 to win 100 at ISTAF

CIARAN FAHEY
Associated Press

BERLIN (AP) — World champion Yohan Blake equaled his personal best of 9.82 seconds Sunday to set a new 100-meter meet record at the ISTAF event. The 21-year-old Jamaican, who clocked the same time at the Weltklasse in Zurich on Thursday, comfortably beat Kim Collins of Saint Kitts and Nevis, who finished in 10.01 at Berlin's Olympic stadium.

"That's why they call me the beast," Blake said. "There were some very good guys in this field so it wasn't easy to win. I pushed myself to run faster. It's a wonderful feeling to win here. ... Life changed a bit after the world championship."

Trinidad's Richard Thompson was third in 10.08, with Michael Frater — who like Blake helped Jamaica set a world-record in the 4x100-meter relay in Daegu, South Korea — finishing fourth. Blake seized the world title in Daegu after training partner Usain Bolt was disqualified for a false start. Bolt, the Olympic champion and world record-holder, skipped the Berlin meet. The previous meet record was 9.86 held by Maurice Greene and Asafa Powell. Kelly-Ann



Yohan Blake, left, from Jamaica runs to win the men's 100 meters during the ISTAF Athletics Meeting in Berlin, Sunday, Sept. 11, 2011.

Baptiste of Trinidad claimed the women's 100m event in a time of 11.15, ahead of Jamaicans Sherone Simpson and Kerron Stewart. In the women's 100 meter hurdles, Dawn Harper led an American 1-2-3 when she won in 12.68 seconds, ahead of Kellie Wells and Yvette Lewis. Canada's Phylcia George finished fourth, ahead of another

American, Ginnie Crawford.

"Running here today wasn't easy because I had a lot of memories of 2009 when I didn't finish," Harper said. "I kept having flashbacks before the race."

Kirani James of Grenada followed up his win in Zurich to win the men's 400 meters in 45.33 seconds, followed by Nery Brenes of Costa

Rica and compatriot Rondell Bartholomew.

James said he was tired after competing at Daegu and Zurich in such a short time.

"I'm done for this season, I have to go back to school," the 19-year-old said.

Russia's Anastasiya Kapachinskaya won a slow women's 400 meters in 50.75 seconds, ahead of France-

na McCorory of the U.S. in 50.91 and compatriot Antonina Krivoschapka in 51.27. In the men's event, Jehue Gordon of Trinidad ran a season-best 48.68 seconds to win. South Africa's Cornel Fredericks came second in 49.18, with German Georg Fleischhauer third in 49.19. Kenya's Augustine Kiprono Choge ran his season's best to win the men's 1500 meters in 3 minutes 31.14, ahead of Morocco's Abdalaati and Iguidir and Nixon Kiplimo Chepseba of Kenya. In the women's 800, Kenya's Janeth Jepkosgei Busieni finished strongly to win in 1 minute, 58.26 seconds, just ahead of South Africa's Caster Semenya who finished in 1:58.74. Maggie Vessey of the U.S. was third in 1:59.33.

American Ryan Whiting set a meet record of 21.61 meters to win the men's shot put, with teammate Reese Hoffa second with 21.47. Poland's Tomasz Majewski was third with a throw of 21.33. "It was much better than in Daegu," said Whiting, who finished seventh at the World Championship. "It could have come out totally differently ... but I am in shape and wanted to do my season best — 15 centimeters away from that is not bad." □



Geox-TMC team member Juan Cobo, center, celebrates on the podium after winning the Spanish Vuelta cycling race with second placed Sky Proccycling rider Christopher Froome from UK, left, and third placed Sky Proccycling rider Bradley Wiggins from UK, right, in Madrid, Spain, Sunday, Sept. 11, 2011.

Associated Press

MADRID (AP) — Juan Jose Cobo of Spain won the Spanish Vuelta on Sunday, safely protecting his 13-second lead over Britain's Christopher Froome during the traditional finish in the Spanish capital.

Slovak rider Peter Sagan edged the pack in a sprint to win the 21st and final stage, a 59.4-mile ride from the Circuito del Jarama race track to the city center in 2 hours, 20 minutes, 59 seconds. It was Sagan's

Juan Jose Cobo wins Vuelta

third stage win of the event. "Until the last moment I couldn't shout victory," Cobo said. "Now, I can breathe easy with all the tension gone and feel like the winner of the Vuelta."

Cobo finished the 66th edition of the classic race in 84 hours, 59 minutes, 31 seconds. Froome's compatriot and Sky teammate Bradley Wiggins was third, 1:39 behind.

Dutch rider Bauke Mollema came in fourth overall, more than 2 minutes back, while defending champion Vincenzo Nibali of Italy settled for seventh, 4:31 behind.

The red leader's jersey passed between eight riders until Cobo took it from Wiggins in a grueling 15th

stage that finished at the fog-shrouded mountain pass of Alto De L'Angliru in the northern region of Asturias.

The Kenyan-born Froome's biggest challenge to Cobo came two days later when the two riders had a back-and-forth uphill battle to the Pena Cabarga peak. Froome won the stage, but Cobo clung to his slim overall lead. Looking back on that duel, Cobo said "I thought I had lost the lead, and thanks to the fans I had the energy to hold on to it." The 30-year-old Cobo then withstood Froome's repeated attacks during the final week to claim his first major race victory.

Neither Cobo nor Froome entered the three-week

race as favorites. Cobo was supposed to support his Geox teammates Carlos Sastre and two-time winner Denis Menchov, while the 26-year-old Froome came with the mission of helping Wiggins.

Cobo's only previous win was the Basque Country Vuelta in 2007.

This year's edition featured two stages in the Basque country after a 33-year absence due to political unrest related to separatist group ETA, whose 40-year-long bloody campaign for independence has left more than 800 people dead. ETA's announcement of a cease-fire last January opened the way to the race's return to the northern Spanish region. □

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Open final

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Hitting powerful strokes from the baseline, and looking fresher than the far-more-accomplished Williams right from the start, the ninth-seeded Stosur became the first Australian woman to win a major championship since Evonne Goolagong Cawley at Wimbledon in 1980. "She played really, really well. She's a great player, and it's good to see," Williams said. "I tried my hardest and she kept hitting winners and I was, 'Oh my God, what am I doing?'"

This was only the 27-year-old Stosur's third title at any tour-level event, and what a way to do it. She took advantage of Williams' so-so serving and stayed steady throughout — finishing with 12 unforced errors to Williams' 25 — despite the bizarre events that unfolded in the second set. Indeed, the biggest victory of Stosur's career so far likely will be recalled by everyone else for Williams' latest dispute with an official at Flushing Meadows. Down a set and facing a break point in the first game of the second, the 13-time major champion hit a forehand and shouted, "Come on!" as Stosur

reached down for a backhand. Chair umpire Eva Asderaki ruled that Williams hindered Stosur's ability to complete the point and awarded it to Stosur — putting her ahead 1-0 in that set. Williams went over to talk to Asderaki, saying, "I'm not giving her that game." Williams also said: "I promise you, that's not cool. That's totally not cool." Some fans began booing, delaying the start of the next game as both players waited for the commotion to subside. Tournament director Brian Earley said Asderaki's ruling was proper. But Williams had trouble putting the whole episode behind her. Dur-



Samantha Stosur of Australia and Serena Williams pose with the trophies at the U.S. Open tennis tournament in New York, Sunday, Sept. 11, 2011.

Associated Press

Yani Tseng wins NW Arkansas Championship

ROGERS, Arkansas (AP) — Top-ranked Yani Tseng successfully defended her title in the LPGA Tour's NW Arkansas Championship on Sunday, beating Amy Yang with a 4-foot birdie putt on the first hole of a playoff. Yang missed a 6-foot birdie try before Tseng holed the winning putt on the par-5 18th.

Both players closed with 3-under 68s to finish at 12-under 201 on the Pinnacle Country Club course. Yang parred the final 11

holes of regulation, holing a 4½-foot putt on the 18th to force the playoff. Tseng bogeyed the par-4 13th to drop to 10 under, then rallied with birdies on the par-5 14th and par-4 13th. Tseng leads the tour with five victories this season, including major wins in the LPGA Championship and Women's British Open, and also has won three other events this year. Ai Miyazato (66) was third at 11 under. Cristie Kerr (68) was another stroke back. □



Yani Tseng of Taiwan acknowledges the crowd after sinking a birdie on the 9th green. Associated Press

ing the changeover two games later, Williams continued to talk to Asderaki, saying, "You're out of control. ... You're a hater, and you're just unattractive inside. ... And I never complain. Wow." Williams also told the official: "Really, don't even look at me." When Stosur wrapped up the match with a forehand winner, Williams refused the customary post-match handshake with the chair umpire. "I hit a winner, but I guess it didn't count," Williams said during the trophy presentation. "It wouldn't have mattered in the end. Sam played really well." This sort of thing has hap-

pened before at the U.S. Open to Williams, who won the tournament in 1999, 2002 and 2008. In the 2009 semifinals against Kim Clijsters, Williams was called for a profanity-laced outburst at a line judge. Williams lost a point there, and because it came on match point, Clijsters won. That led to an immediate \$10,000 fine from the U.S. Tennis Association and later a record \$82,500 fine from the Grand Slam administrator, who also put Williams on a "probationary period" at Grand Slam tournaments in 2010 and 2011. □

NFL season opens with Sept. 11 tributes

RONALD BLUM
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — From coast to coast, American flags as large as football fields were unfurled inside stadiums and fans of all ages sang the national anthem with gusto Sunday in a red-white-and-blue observance marking the 10th anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks and start of the country's most popular sport: the NFL.

Robin Berretta, wearing a blue Giants No. 27 Brandon Jacobs jersey, traveled from New York to Landover, Maryland, for the game at the Washington Redskins. Some of her friends suggested she shouldn't attend.

"Everyone's very paranoid," Berretta said. "And they're not even from New York."

She was unfazed, saying, "I even took the Metro."

In presentations relayed to video screens around the league, "Taps" was played from Shanksville, Pennsylvania, where one of the hijacked jets crashed a decade earlier, and Arlington National Cemetery. A recorded message from actor Robert DeNiro was broadcast on videoboards reminding fans that "we honor those brave men and women by continuing to show our unity and strength as a country."



Jacksonville Jaguars defensive back William Middleton (29), right, leads the team onto the field prior to an NFL football game against the Tennessee Titans in Jacksonville, Fla., Sunday, Sept. 11, 2011. The day marks the 10th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks.

Associated Press

NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell marked the day in Landover, where he spoke to FOX from the sidelines of the Giants-Redskins game. "We remember our great country and the people that died in this tragic incident, the first responders and their families and all the people that kept our country safe," he said. "This is a chance for everyone to come together and feel great about our country, the sacrifices so many people have had and what we all have in front of us. We've got a lot to be proud of." Former President George W. Bush praised the rescue workers of that day in

a televised pregame show segment prior to the openers.

Before the start of the U.S. Open's women's final at Arthur Ashe Stadium, a "9/11/01" logo was painted next to the blue court, and Queen Latifah and the Jubilation Choir performed a soulful rendition of the anthem.

The Marine Corps color guard unfurled a court-sized flag.

Before her match against Australia's Sam Stosur, Serena Williams tweeted: "My Thoughts and prayers to all who lost loved ones on 9-11. I know the entire country is with you today.

I'm playing for you today." Pregame ceremonies were followed by moments of silence at Major League Baseball parks.

At the Nationals game in Washington, two red, white and blue logos were painted on the field in foul territory along the base lines, with the date "September 11, 2001" and the words: "We shall not forget." The Nationals also wore blue jerseys with a stars-and-stripes background for the team's 'W' logo.

"Frankly, I was a little bit skittish with regard to coming out to a ballpark and large gathering of people with feelings of how scared

we were 10 years ago," said Joe Bailey, a 40-year-old fan from Bethesda, Md. "I think as part of our resolve, it's to go ahead and continue on in the American way and do what we do, and one of those things is to be passionate about baseball."

In Anaheim, California, Derek Jeter, Jorge Posada and Mariano Rivera of the New York Yankees caught ceremonial first pitches from two first responders and a survivor of the attacks.

"I wish we were at home with the people of New York," Posada said.

The anniversary also was observed at soccer matches in England, Walker Cup golf in Scotland and at the Rugby World Cup in New Zealand.

In Tampa, Florida, the Buccaneers arranged a surprise reunion during the first half two-minute warning for family and close friends of Army Sgt. Scott Osborn, who was returning from active duty in Afghanistan. The Osborn family lives in St. Petersburg.

At sun-splashed Soldier Field in Chicago, fans applauded the national anthem from start to finish — a tradition at NHL Blackhawks games — while tenor Jim Cornelison sang an unusually spirited anthem before the Bears hosted the Atlanta Falcons. □



Lukas Verzbicas celebrates with his medal after winning the 2011 ITU Junior Triathlon World Championship held in Beijing Sunday, Sept. 11, 2011. Verzbicas won in Beijing on Sunday, scoring a victory for himself and Kevin McDowell, the cancer-stricken friend and athlete that he dedicated the race to.

Runner wins world triathlon championship for ill friend

By CHI-CHI ZHANG
Associated Press

BEIJING (AP) — Lukas Verzbicas won the junior title at the world triathlon championships on Sunday, fulfilling his goal of winning the gold medal in honor of his cancer-stricken friend and teammate. Verzbicas put his promising running career on hold this summer to return to triathlon in hopes of winning the world title for Kevin McDowell, his friend and teammate who was diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma in March. Mc-

Dowell finished chemotherapy on Aug. 22 and was at the finish line to cheer as Verzbicas won in 56 minutes, 21 seconds. It was 33 seconds ahead of Germany's Justus Nieschlag and U.S. teammate Tony Smorgiewicz was another 5 seconds back. "I had him in my mind the whole race," Verzbicas said. "It motivated me more than if I was just doing this by myself." Verzbicas has been touted as the next great American distance runner, only the fifth U.S. high schooler — and first in

a decade — to break the 4-minute mile barrier. He'd originally planned to spend this summer getting ready for his freshman season at Oregon, the distance powerhouse that produced Steve Prefontaine, Alberto Salazar and Galen Rupp. But that changed in March after McDowell was diagnosed with Hodgkin's, a form of blood cancer. The teenagers from suburban Chicago — Verzbicas is 18, McDowell just turned 19 — have trained together the past five years. □



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NFL Roundup

Texans rout Colts, 34-7

The Associated Press

HOUSTON (AP) — The Indianapolis Colts were lost without Peyton Manning on Sunday.

Matt Schaub threw for 220 yards and a touchdown, Ben Tate rushed for 116 yards and another score in relief of injured Arian Foster, and the Texans dominated Kerry Collins, Manning's replacement, in a 34-7 victory.

The Texans looked like they're finally ready to take over the AFC South.

Manning, the four-time MVP, didn't travel with the team to Houston as he recovers from his third neck surgery in the past 19 months. His streak of 227 consecutive starts, including playoffs, came to an end.

The 38-year-old Collins was lured out of retirement less than three weeks ago to take a crash course in the offense. He fumbled on consecutive snaps that set

up Texans touchdowns in the first quarter, and was sacked three times. The Colts mustered only 236 yards and 15 first downs against Houston's 3-4 defense guided by new coordinator Wade Phillips.

Ravens 35, Steelers 7

At Baltimore, — Joe Flacco threw three touchdown passes, Haloti Ngata led an inspired defense that forced a team-record seven turnovers, and Baltimore easily beat the defending AFC champions.

Ray Rice ran for 107 yards and scored twice for the Ravens, who bolted to a 14-0 lead in the first quarter and never let up against their bitter rivals. It was a rematch of a second-round playoff matchup last January, when the Steelers rallied to beat Baltimore 31-24. In that game, the Ravens let a 21-7 halftime lead evaporate with three turnovers in the third quarter. This time, the Ravens got three take-

aways in the third quarter to turn a 21-7 advantage into a rout.

Ngata caused a fumble and deflected a pass that produced an interception.

Bears 30, Falcons 12

At Chicago, Brian Urlacher had an interception and returned a fumble for a touchdown, Jay Cutler threw for 312 yards and two scores and Chicago sacked Atlanta's Matt Ryan five times.

In a matchup of reigning division champions, Urlacher picked off Ryan to set up an early 56-yard TD catch by Matt Forte, and in the third quarter the linebacker picked up a fumble by Ryan and scored from 12 yards to make it 30-6.

Cutler completed 22 of 32 passes in his first game at Soldier Field since the Bears' loss to Green Bay in the NFC title game. Ryan completed 31 of 47 passes for 319 yards.

Eagles 31, Rams 13



Baltimore Ravens tackle Ramon Harewood (78) keeps Pittsburgh Steelers linebacker James Harrison away from Ravens quarterback Joe Flacco (5) as he throws a pass in the first half of an NFL football game in Baltimore, Sunday, Sept. 11, 2011.

Associated Press

At St. Louis, Michael Vick rushed for 98 yards, LeSean McCoy scored twice and DeSean Jackson topped 100 yards receiving as Philadelphia opened its self-proclaimed Super Bowl

drive with a big win.

The Eagles had 239 yards rushing and were 8 for 11 on third downs. The defense applied constant pressure and piled up five sacks, two by Justin Babin. Darryl Tapp forced a fumble by Sam Bradford that led to a 56-yard touchdown return by Juqua Parker.

Steven Jackson ran for a 47-yard score on the Rams' first play, but lasted only one more carry before leaving with a right leg injury. Sam Bradford left for X-rays on a finger of his throwing hand in the fourth quarter.

Bills 41, Chiefs 7

At Kansas City, Missouri, Ryan Fitzpatrick threw four touchdown passes, two of them to journeyman tight end Scott Chandler, and Buffalo romped to victory. Fitzpatrick finished with 208 yards passing for the Bills, who hadn't score 40 points in an opener since a 40-7 victory over the Los Angeles Rams on Sept. 6, 1992. □

Oklahoma is No. 1 in AP poll for 100th time

By RALPH D. RUSSO

AP College Football Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — For the 100th time, Oklahoma is No. 1.

The Sooners reached a milestone in the history of The Associated Press college football poll without even playing. Oklahoma became the first team to hold the top ranking 100 times since the poll began 1936.

The Sooners will bring that No. 1 ranking into one of the biggest nonconference games of the season when they face No. 5 Florida State in Tallahassee on Saturday.

Oklahoma received 32 first-place votes and 1,441 points from the media panel.

Alabama reclaimed the No. 2 spot after a 27-11 victory at Penn State, flip-flopping with No. 3 LSU. Last week, the Tigers jumped the Crimson Tide. Boise State is No. 4.

Alabama received nine-first-place votes, LSU had 17 and Boise State had two. The Sooners have been ranked No. 1 in all three polls this season, including their 10th appearance as No. 1 in the preseason, another record.

Notre Dame is second to OU with 95 overall appearances as the No. 1 team in the AP poll. Ohio State is next at 94 and Southern California has been No. 1 90 times.

Defending national champion Auburn moved back into the rankings at No. 21 after one of the wildest wins from one of the wildest days in college football in recent memory.

The Tigers needed a last-second goal line stand to beat Mississippi State 41-34, a week after scoring two touchdowns in the final two minutes to defeat Utah State. Auburn has the nation's longest winning streak at 17 games.

Also moving into the rankings this week was No. 22 Arizona State, which beat Missouri 37-30 in overtime on Friday.

Missouri and Penn State fell out of the Top 25.

The rest of the top 10 had Stanford at No. 6, followed by Wisconsin, Oklahoma State, Texas A&M and Nebraska. No. 11 South Carolina moved up a spot after beating Georgia 45-42 on the strength of three nonoffensive touchdowns.

Oregon was No. 12, with Virginia Tech at 13, Arkansas 14 and Michigan State 15.

No. 16 Florida, Ohio State, West Virginia, Baylor and South Florida round out the top 20.

Joining Auburn and Arizona State in the final five were No. 23 TCU, No. 24 Texas and No. 25 Mississippi State, which fell nine spots. □



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More ground turkey recalled because of salmonella

By **M.L. JOHNSON**
Associated Press

CHICAGO (AP) — Cargill Inc. announced a second recall of ground turkey products Sunday after a test showed salmonella in a sample from the same Arkansas plant tied to a recall issued last month.

The second recall is much smaller than the one the company issued Aug. 3 for 36 million pounds of ground turkey. That recall followed a salmonella outbreak that federal health officials said had sickened 107 people in 31 states, killing one person.

No illnesses have been tied to the second recall, which was initiated after a sample from the company's plant in Springdale, Ark., tested positive for salmonella, the U.S. Department of Agriculture said.

Cargill halted production of ground turkey products at the plant Aug. 2 in anticipation of the recall announced the next day, spokesman Mike Martin said. Equipment was taken apart and steam-cleaned. Limited production resumed Aug. 10 after the USDA approved additional anti-bacterial safety measures, Martin said.

The sample that tested positive for salmonella was taken Aug. 24, the USDA said. It was the same strain of salmonella tied to the earlier illnesses, the agency said.

Martin said Cargill added two additional anti-bacterial washes to its processing process in Springdale after the first recall and instituted what he called "the most advanced sampling and monitoring system in the poultry industry."

The problem, he said is that salmonella is "ubiquitous" and can come from soil, water, poultry feed and any number of sources. The challenge for Cargill and other food processors is to try to identify and eliminate the sources, reduce the amount during processing and then test for it.

"Food safety is a top priority and taken extremely seriously at Cargill because we know that millions of people throughout the U.S. are eating food that we produce every day and we want to do everything we can to make sure that people are getting the safest food possible," Martin said.

Ground turkey production at the Springdale plant has been suspended again while the Minnesota-based company looks at what other safety procedures might be needed, he said. Production of other products, such as whole turkeys, continues, he said.

USDA officials did not immediately respond Sunday to messages requesting comment. □

Oxy injections tied to heart infections

Richard Martin

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TAMPA Frank Culpepper used to crush oxycodone tablets into a fine powder that he would snort so he'd get high faster than he could by swallowing the pills.

Then a friend showed him how to inject the narcotic painkiller directly into his bloodstream for a high that was still quicker, stronger and more dangerous.

Injecting the drug landed the Temple Terrace man in a hospital emergency room in July with a heart infection that nearly killed him.

"I'm lucky to be alive," Culpepper, 24, said last week at Pepin Heart Hospital, where he underwent open-heart surgery to replace a valve that was on the verge of rupturing.

Cardiologist Asad Sawar said Culpepper is one of six patients in the past six months at the hospital who developed a heart infection known as endocarditis from injecting oxycodone. All were men in their late teens to early 30s. Four of them died.

State reports estimate that prescription drug abuse kills an average of almost eight people a day in Florida. They do not quantify how many of these deaths are due to crushing and injecting drugs, though the practice has been reported for years among addicts.

Law enforcement officers

see the trend on the streets, where they report that more abusers are carrying syringes. It's so rampant that pharmaceutical companies have been developing tamper-proof oxycodone pills that lose their potency if they are crushed in order to be chewed, snorted or injected all efforts to defeat the pills' time-release formulations.

"It's the mentality of the

But habitual users develop a resistance to it over time, and require more of the drug to achieve the same effect. Addicts can't wait for the pills' gradual impact, so they chew, snort or inject it.

All of these methods are dangerous, and heighten the risk of overdose, but injecting poses additional health risks, including serious infections.



addicts, always seeking the bigger high, the quicker high," said Capt. Robert Alfonso, who heads the narcotics division of the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office. "We're not surprised any more by what we see." Oxycodone is a synthetic opiate that is supposed to be taken orally for the relief of severe pain. The time-release tablet dissolves slowly so that the drug is absorbed in small amounts over a 12-hour period.

Even if users manage to crush and dissolve pills under entirely sanitary conditions, Sawar said, pills contain starch, which if injected directly into the bloodstream can inflame the veins and infect just about any part of the body, including the brain, lungs and heart.

Manufacturers of brand-name versions of oxycodone have developed pills with an additive that turns the drug into a gel that

can't be injected if water is added to a crushed pill. But the generic form of oxycodone isn't tamper proof. Culpepper was 18 when he started crushing oxycodone pills and snorting them. Within a few years, he was crushing pills, adding water and filtering the result through a piece of cotton into a syringe. □

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Hacker rattles internet security circles

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He claims to be 21 years old, a student of software engineering in Tehran who reveres Ayatollah Ali Khamenei and despises dissidents in his country.

He sneaked into the computer systems of a security firm on the outskirts of Amsterdam. He created fake credentials that could allow someone to snoop on Internet connections that appeared to be secure. He then shared that bounty with people he declines to name.

The fruits of his labor are believed to have been used to tap into the online communications of as many as 300,000 unsuspecting Iranians this summer. What's more, he punched a hole in an online security mechanism that is trusted by millions of Internet users all over the world.

Comodohacker, as he calls himself, insists he acted on his own and is unperturbed by the notion that his work may have been used to spy on anti-government patriots.

"I'm totally independent," he said in an email exchange with The New York Times. "I just share my findings with some people in Iran. They are free to do anything they want with my findings and things I share with them, but I'm not responsible."

In the annals of Internet attacks, this is likely to go down as a moment of reckoning. For activists, it shows the downside of using online tools to organize: An opponent with enough determination and resources just might find a way to track their every move.

It also calls into question the

reliability of a basic system of trust that global Internet brands like Google and Facebook, along with their users, rely upon. The system is intended to verify the authenticity of a particular website – to ensure, in effect, that Gmail is Gmail, and that the connection to the site is encrypted and difficult for an outsider to monitor.

Hundreds of companies and government authorities around the world, including in the U.S. and China, have the power to issue the digital certificates that the system relies upon to verify a site's identity. The same hacker is believed to be responsible for attacks on three such companies. In March, he claimed credit for a breach of Comodo, in Italy.

In late August came the attack on the Dutch company DigiNotar. On Friday evening, a company called GlobalSign said it had detected an intrusion into its website, but not into more confidential systems. Armed with certificates stolen from companies like these, someone with control over an Internet service provider, like the Iranian authorities, could trick Internet users into thinking they were safely connected to a familiar site, while eavesdropping on their online activity.

Fearing the prospect of other breaches similar to those carried out by this hacker, Mozilla, the maker of the Firefox Web browser, last week issued a warning to certificate authority companies to audit their security systems or risk being booted off Firefox.

"It is a real example of a weakness in security infra-

structure that many people assumed was trustworthy," said Richard Bejtlich, the chief security officer of Mandiant Security in Alexandria, Va. "It's a reminder

that it is only as trustworthy as the companies that make up the system. There are bound to be some that can't protect their infrastructure, and you have re-

sults like this."

Comodohacker said via email that he began his explorations by scrolling through a list of certificate authority companies. DigiNotar sparked his interest because it was Dutch. He also said he chose the Dutch company because of a Dutch legislator, Geert Wilders, who has built a political career out of criticizing Muslims in his country.

DigiNotar, which is owned by an Illinois company called Vasco Data Security International, did not make the attack particularly difficult, according to a report by Fox-IT, a security company that was commissioned by the Dutch government to investigate. The company's critical servers contained malicious software that should have been spotted by anti-virus tools, the report said, and the servers related to certificates were all protected by just one weak password. DigiNotar did not respond to requests for comment last week. □



A hacker who has claimed to breach three companies that have the power to issue digital certificates on the Web has insisted he acted on his own.

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As week begins, more volatility seen in Market

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The stock market just can't seem to make up its mind. Day after day, stocks whipsaw by hundreds of points. Last week they tumbled 3 percent in the first 90 minutes of trading on Tuesday morning, then on Wednesday closed nearly 3 percent higher and dropped almost 3 percent on Friday. All of this on the heels of historic, back-to-back 4 percent leaps and dives in one week in August.

Now traders head into the week with fresh worries about the chances that Greece will default on its debt, the possibility of a downgrade in the credit rating of French banks and doubts about Germany's commitment to keeping the euro area afloat.

All of this anxiety could understandably be enough to cause the market to fall. Still, experts are now asking whether there are new forces at work in the stock market that are making trading permanently more erratic. Indeed, big volatile price moves are more common than they used to be. It has become more likely for stock prices to make large swings – on the order of 3 percent or 4 percent – than it has been in any other time in recent stock market history, according to a New York Times analysis of price changes in the Standard & Poor's 500 stock

market index since 1962.

Some experts see volatility as a problem because it can scare investors from the markets, make companies reluctant to go public and undermine confidence in the economy, causing further drops in shares.

But another viewpoint is that stocks are rightly volatile now because there is so much uncertainty about where the economy is heading – and canny investors could profit from the big swings, or simply sit them out until the market eventually finds equilibrium. "It's neither good nor bad," said Michael Schmanske, head of U.S. index volatility trading at Barclays Capital. "It is a measure of high opportunity but also peril."

So what's causing the rise in the big bounces?

It's hard to know for sure, but market analysts point to new types of souped-up computerized trading and extraordinary global economic turmoil – from protests over austerity measures in eurozone countries to the congressional showdown over the debt ceiling. It is also possible that stocks simply move faster today because of the quicker pace of news and trading, and so drops and surges in prices that might have been spread over days in past times are now condensed within hours, analysts said.

Some economists say they fear the volatility may feed

upon itself, creating market turmoil that leads ever so surely to more volatility.

The violent ups and downs, said Robert Shiller, an economics professor at Yale University, may in turn undermine confidence in the economy, and the weak-



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ness in the economy can lead to more strident politics – all of which feeds the volatility loop.

"It is not well-understood why we have these bursts of volatility," Shiller said. "It seems that in these rare periods of bad economic performance and anxiety about the economy, we have volatility in the markets and high volatility in the political arena. Bad things can happen. This worries me."

The Times looked at two sorts of historical data – the

closing prices of the Standard & Poor's 500-stock index as well as the highest and lowest points the index reached during each trading day. Both measures, from 1962 through the end of this August, painted similar pictures of the market – it

time for trading. In contrast, price fluctuations were more common in the 1970s and 1980s, though they tended to be of smaller sizes than the ones occurring now.

As for closing prices, the more frequent jumps could also be clearly spotted. There have been 30 percent of trading days since the start of 2010 that were up or down more than 1 percent at the time of the closing bell. That's far more than the 20 percent of such jumps in the 1990s. The trend toward greater volatility is more pronounced in larger price moves.

The rise in big stock jumps in recent years is not tied only to the financial crisis of 2008 and 2009. Even when those two years were held out of the trading data since 2000, the volatility was higher in the last decade than it was in the past. Regulators at the Securities and Exchange Commission have been looking at the effect of changes in stock market structure and financial innovation to see if they drive volatility. The market is no longer based on one single exchange but is fractured across four big exchanges and several smaller forums. There are more computer-driven and automated trading strategies. High-frequency traders, using powerful computers to trade at exceptionally high speeds, now account for up to 60 percent of daily turnover. □

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Detroit sets its future on a foundation of two-tier wages

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DETROIT — They are a cornerstone of Chrysler's unlikely comeback: 900 employees turning out a Jeep Grand Cherokee SUV every 48 seconds of the working day at an assembly plant here.

Nothing distinguishes them from the other workers at the Jefferson North plant, except their paychecks.

The newest Chrysler workers earn about \$14 an hour, compared with double that amount for longtime employees on the same shift. With the economy slumping and job creation once again a pressing issue in the White House and Congress, the advent of a two-tier wage system in Detroit is spiking employment for one of the country's most important manufacturing industries.

For many, the opportunity for steady employment is welcome, even at a lower wage. "Everybody is appreciative of a job and glad to be working," said Derrick Chatman, who makes \$14.65 an hour putting tires on Jeeps after being laid off at Home Depot, working odd construction jobs and collecting unemployment. What was once seen as a desperate move to prop up the struggling auto industry is now considered an integral part of its future. The demand for \$14-an-hour manufacturing jobs is providing Detroit's Big Three automakers with a ready pool of eager new employees. Last year, Chrysler was flooded with inquiries about the jobs here, and it

froze the list after receiving 10,000 applications.

The companies say the two-tier wages are paying off. Despite the disparity, there is no appreciable difference in the Grand Cherokees produced on the shift

seen as long term, are being watched closely by economists, executives in other industries and Washington policymakers eager to increase employment in manufacturing and other areas.



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dominated since last fall by the lower-paid workers, the plant manager says. At General Motors, the savings from its two-tier workers are crucial to production that began last month of an inexpensive, subcompact car, the Chevrolet Sonic, in suburban Detroit.

Two-tier wage systems have been tried in the airline industry and others with spotty success. Usually the lower wages disappear rather quickly when the economy picks up. But the arrival of vastly different wage rates in auto factories is a seminal event in an industry long influenced by a powerful union devoted to equal pay regardless of seniority.

The new jobs, which are

"This is not going away," said Kristin Diczek, a labor analyst at the Center for Automotive Research in Ann Arbor, Mich., a research organization. "It has allowed the Big Three to reduce labor costs without cutting the pay of incumbent workers. Is it good for the health and competitiveness of the companies? Yes. And is that good for job security? Yes."

Four years ago, the United Auto Workers agreed to allow Chrysler, GM and Ford to pay lower wages to new hires to help close the cost gap with foreign carmakers. Now the two-tier arrangement is at the forefront of labor talks between the UAW and the Detroit companies. □

Frankly, it's a good business

Mark Puento

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John D'Alessandro isn't a businessman who dons a fancy suit. He wears an apron, and his office is under a shade tree on a downtown St. Petersburg street corner. His tools include tongs, buns, a steaming cart and an umbrella.



The hot dog vendor has been selling frankfurters on street corners for more than 10 years. The former restaurant worker stumbled into the business after spotting a used food cart for sale. He shelled out \$700 and found a new career one in which he answers only to himself.

He worked the streets in the late 1990s, during the hot dog wars when vendors battled for turf and restaurants resisted the sellers. He now spends 40 hours a week hawking dogs on the corner of Central Avenue and Third Street.

He sets up his cart at 8 a.m. An hour later, he is ready for business. With more than two dozen restaurants nearby, D'Alessandro, 54, knows that thousands of downtown workers have plenty of other food choices.

Snagging patrons requires more than slapping a hot dog in a bun. A quality product, he said, hooks them.

"They want a fresh, soft roll and a hot meat," D'Alessandro said. "If you don't burn your mouth on it, it's free."

He sells the basic hot dog for 75 cents and offers combination meals with a soda and bag of potato chips for \$2 and \$3.

His day starts at 5:30 a.m., buying 20 dozen buns at a bakery. He also buys his meat and vegetables daily from a wholesaler and grocery stores. □



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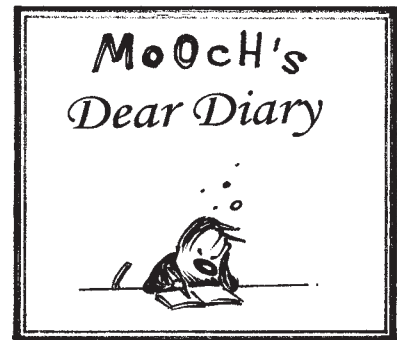
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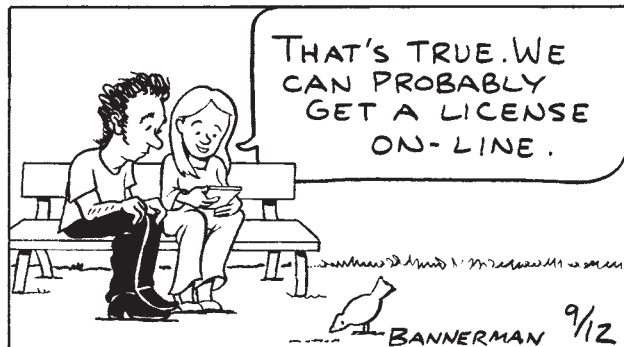
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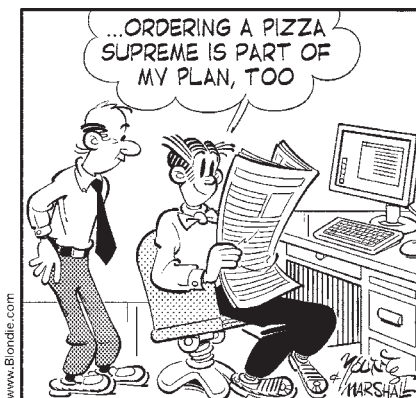
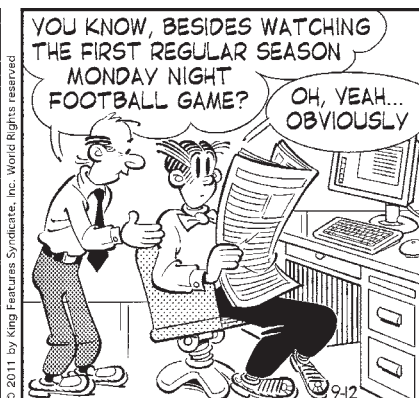
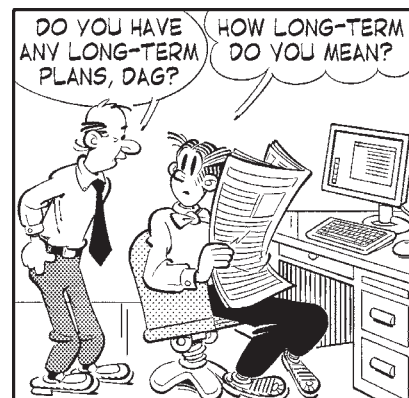
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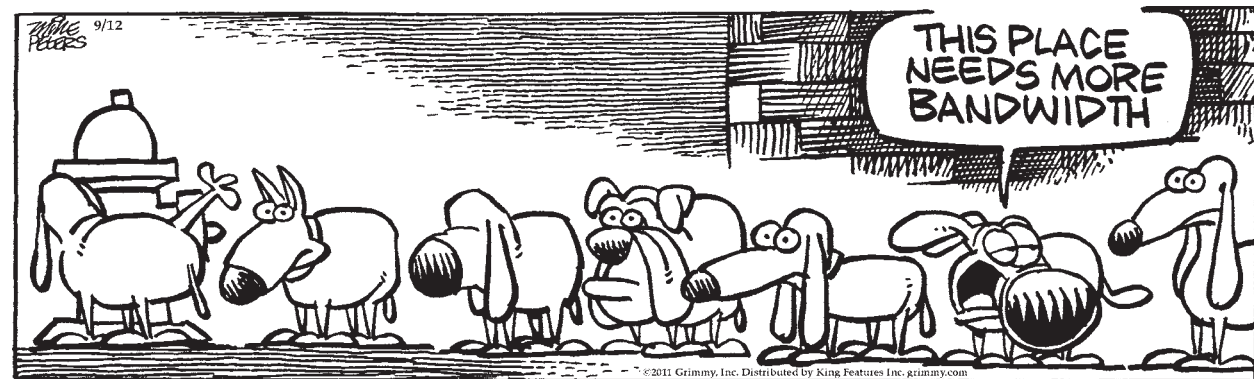
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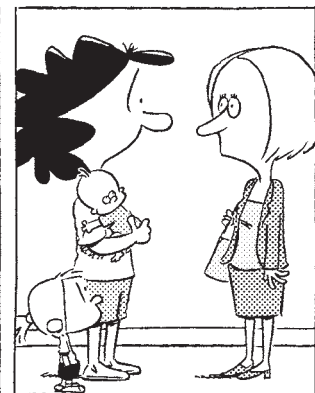
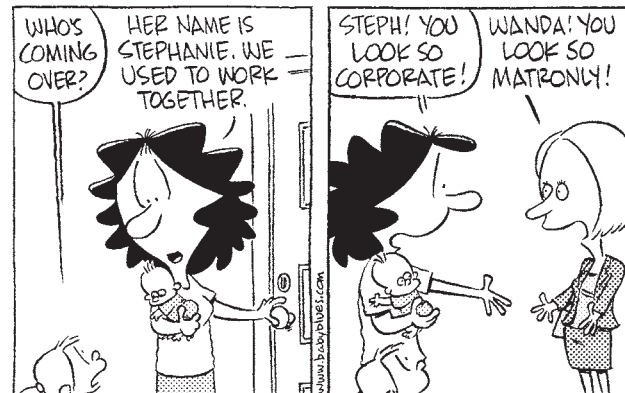
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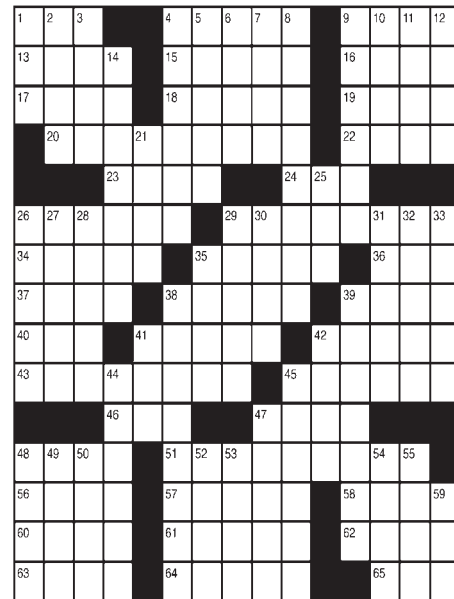
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- 22 Anthropologist Margaret
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- 24 ___ bandage; elastic wrap
- 26 Get away
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- 34 Smudges
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- 36 No, in Dundee
- 37 Uncovered
- 38 Aviator
- 39 Idaho export
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- 43 Dover's state
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- 49 Abode
- 50 Once again
- 52 Spice rack
- 53 Certain
- 54 Lunch hour
- 55 Wise adviser
- 59 Tennis court divider

Today In History

The Associated Press
Today is Monday, September 12, the 255th day of 2011. There are 110 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1609 - English explorer Henry Hudson sails into the New York river that now bears his name.

1683 - John III Sobieski of Poland and Charles of Lorraine raise the Turkish siege of Vienna, marking the end of Turkish domination in eastern Europe.

1801 - Alexander I of Russia announces annexation of Georgia.

1848 - Switzerland adopts new constitution as a federal union with strong central government.

1918 - U.S. forces led by Gen. John J. Pershing launch an attack on the German-occupied St. Mihiel salient north of Verdun, France, during World War I.
 1938 - In a speech in Nuremberg, Adolf Hitler demands self-determination for the Sudeten Germans in Czechoslovakia.

1943 - German paratroopers take Benito Mussolini from the hotel where he is being held by the Italian government.

1953 - Nikita Khrushchev becomes First Secretary of the Soviet Communist Party.

1959 - Soviet Union launches Luna 2, the first spacecraft to reach the moon.

1960 - The Central African Republics, Ghana and Guinea threaten to withdraw their troops from a security force unless the United Nations gives up its control of Leopoldville radio and the Congo's airports.

1964 - Dissident army officers try unsuccessfully to overthrow government of South Vietnam.

1970 - Palestinian guerrillas blow up three hijacked airliners in Jordan.

1974 - Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia is deposed by a military junta.

1977 - South African black student leader Steven Biko dies while in police custody, triggering an international outcry.

1980 - Turkish military seizes



Today is Jesse Owens' birthday

power and keeps it until 1983.

1987 - Communist rebels battle troops in fierce fighting near Manila.

1988 - Hurricane Gilbert slams into Jamaica with torrential rains and winds of 233 kph (145 mph), killing 45 people and causing damage estimated at \$1 billion.
 1990 - President Alberto Fujimori's government turns down a U.S. offer of \$35.9 million for anti-drug counterinsurgency operations in Peru.

1991 - Scores of Iraqi soldiers along the Iraq-Saudi Arabian border are buried alive by U.S. tanks that pushed tons of sand and earth into their trenches during the Persian Gulf war.

1992 - Abimael Guzman, the shadowy founder of bloody Maoist guerrilla movement the Shining Path, is captured in a safe house in Lima, Peru.

1993 - Rebel Serbs in Croatia launch rocket attacks against targets near the capital.

1994 - In Poland, NATO soldiers and former East Bloc nations hold first joint maneuvers.

1995 - The Belarusian mili-

tary shoots down a helium balloon during an international race, killing its two American pilots.

1996 - Taliban rebels consolidate their hold on the strategic eastern Afghan city of Jalalabad.

1997 - Six Lebanese soldiers and one civilian are killed when Israel launches rockets at Lebanese army positions in south Lebanon.

1998 - Azem Hajdari, a leading Albanian opposition lawmaker, is assassinated by an unidentified gunman.

1999 - Indonesia says it will accept a peacekeeping force in East Timor, which was ravaged by Indonesian-controlled militias after residents voted for independence.

2000 - A suspected car bomb rips through an underground garage in the Jakarta Stock Exchange building, killing 15 people and injuring dozens more.

2001 - After the collapse of the Twin Towers, U.S. President George W. Bush addresses a national audience to declare America is under attack and the United States will use all its resources to defeat terrorism.

Today's Birthdays:

France's King Francis I (1494-1547); Herbert Henry Asquith, British prime minister (1852-1928); Maurice Chevalier, French actor-entertainer (1888-1971); Alfred Knopf, U.S. publisher (1892-1984); Jesse Owens, U.S. athlete (1913-1980); Ian Holm, English actor (1931-); Linda Gray, U.S. actress (1940-).

Thought for Today:

In politics, an absurdity is not a handicap — Napoleon Bonaparte (1769-1821). □

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By SETH BORENSTEIN

AP Science Writer

Parched Las Vegas still wants to indirectly siphon off excess water from the overflowing Mississippi River. French engineers have simulated hauling an iceberg to barren Africa. There are even mega-trash bags to move heavy loads



In this Sunday Aug. 7, 2011 file photo, Eddie Ray Roberts, superintendent of the city's waste and water department is shown walking on the dried bed of Lake E.V. Spence in Robert Lee, Texas.

Associated Press

of water.

There's certainly plenty of rainwater available. Tropi-

cal Storm Lee dumped enough on the already saturated Mid-Atlantic, Northeast and Gulf Coast to bring 9.6 inches of rain across the entire state of Texas, according to calculations by the National

Oceanic and Atmospheric
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"One man's flood control is another man's water supply," said Patricia Mulroy, general manager of the Southern Nevada Water

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Charlie Sheen smiles through TV mockery

SANDY COHEN

AP Entertainment Writer

CULVER CITY, California (AP) — Charlie Sheen smiled through a TV spe-

ing.

"Charlie's meltdown was so bad, Al Gore's making a documentary about it," quipped comedian Jef-



Charlie Sheen is seen at the "Comedy Central Roast of Charlie Sheen" on Saturday, Sept. 10, 2011 in Culver City, Calif.

(AP Photo/Dan Krauss)

cial as Mike Tyson, William Shatner, actress Kate Walsh and half a dozen comedians riffed on his high-profile year. Sheen was famously fired from his sitcom "Two and a Half Men" in March after a very public meltdown during which he claimed to be a "rock star from Mars" who has "tiger blood" and "Adonis DNA." The 46-year-old actor is the subject of the Comedy Central network's latest roast, a tradition in which a guest of honor is affectionately mocked by his peers. It was taped Saturday night at Sony Studios.

Sheen took the stage in true rock-star fashion, as rock 'n' roll guitarist Slash heralded his introduction. The actor, dressed in a black suit, white shirt and red tie, smiled and laughed as roasters jabbed at his famous family, his notorious taste for drugs and prostitutes and his primetime fir-

frey Ross, who was dressed as Moammar Gadhafi in a military outfit with fringed epaulets and a sash.

Comedian Jon Lovitz also took a timely swipe at Sheen: "How much (cocaine) can Charlie Sheen do?" he asked. "Enough to kill two and a half men."

The most bizarre performer was Tyson, who got plenty of laughs despite his almost unintelligible delivery. "I'm the greatest poet alive," he said as he concluded his time on stage. "I will eat your children!"

Steve-O of "Jackass" fame was also among the roast-ers. His big trick was running repeatedly into Tyson's fist, which he did until he reportedly broke his nose.

The comics also took digs at Sheen's former live-in girlfriends, whom he referred to as "the goddesses," and ex-wife Brooke Mueller, who was sitting in the audience Saturday. □

In 'Entourage'; ending a bromance with staying power

ALESSANDRA STANLEY

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"Entourage" couldn't really sign off with a Hollywood ending. The show's finale on HBO on Sunday night tempered its last sappy tarmac scene with a West Hollywood ending.

After the credits came a coda: Ari Gold, basking in his five-star getaway on the Amalfi Coast, gets a phone call with an offer he surely would not refuse: the job of chairman and chief executive of a studio. "If you want to know what heaven is," the current chairman tells him, "try being God." The series wraps with a close shot of Ari's tense face as he considers whether he can persuade his newly reconciled wife to give up her dolce vita dream so he can follow his.

And in its own way that proved to be the most romantic ending of all because it means that Ari, superagent, could work once again with Vince Chase and his posse, and most of all alongside Lloyd, his lacerated and loyal former assistant. "Entourage" was a comedy about the fragility of Hollywood success that lasted eight seasons, and it endured partly because it romanticized friendship even as it mocked show-business schmoozing.

Doug Ellin, creator of the series, was inspired by the youthful experiences of one of its executive producers, Mark Wahlberg. Behind all those saucy glimpses of stardom and the backup constellation of agents, publicists, ac-

countants, trainers, gardeners, dealers, party planners and hookers, there was always the brotherhood.

Some fans complained that "Entourage" grew stale, but actually it's remarkable how fresh the series managed to stay given how temporal its setting. The

friends who see one another through tough times, but also wingmen who egg one another on as they enjoy the fruits of someone else's labor. Part of the fun of "Entourage," or at least the fantasy, was that three ordinary guys from Queens could ride one friend's



The cast of HBO's hit series 'Entourage'.

show began in 2004 before the heyday of "The Hills" and gossip roundups by TMZ.com. The closest thing to "Entourage" was "Curb Your Enthusiasm," which was also about Hollywood but focused on entertainment mandarins nearing the sunset of their careers. "Entourage" covered a new generation, young men on their first heady ride of fame, sex, money and ambition. Vince and his boys offered a West Coast version of "Sex and the City" tailored to young men, and the camaraderie was different from the cosmos-and-commiseration that Carrie Bradshaw and her friends shared. Male bonding on "Entourage" wasn't just about

good looks and charm to the height of Hollywood, and nobody turned sullen or resentful. Sunday's finale tied up loose ends by wrapping them around Vince's largess: He engineered reconciliation between Eric and Sloan and even hired them a private jet to work on it alone. He invited Ari and his wife, best known as Mrs. Ari, to come with him to Paris. He helped Drama get a movie deal and saved Turtle from financial ruin. Devotion flowed both ways: Vince's own happy ending was helped along by Drama and Turtle, who persuaded the skeptical Oxford-educated beauty Sophia (a Vanity Fair reporter) to give Vince a chance. □

De Niro back to NYC from Toronto premiere for 9/11

JOHN CARUCCI

Associated Press

TORONTO (AP) — Robert De Niro helped revitalize lower Manhattan after the 9/11 terror attacks, but he does not attend the ground zero ceremonies, including this year on the 10th anniversary. The New York resident was in Toronto recently for the premiere for his film,

"The Killer Elite." He says he feels the ground zero ceremony is "for certain dignitaries and the families."

He returned home to New York for Sunday's anniversary. A resident of the Tribeca neighborhood that housed the World Trade Center, De Niro was instrumental in starting the Tribeca Film Festival, which brought



Actor Robert De Niro arrives at the gala for the film "Killer Elite" during the Toronto International Film Festival in Toronto.

(AP Photo/The Canadian Press - Darren Calabrese)

business back to the devastated area. De Niro produced a prerecorded address commemorating the day that was played at the football game when the New York Jets open their season against the Dallas Cowboys last night. □

Following Oprah, news anchor seeks to show his daytime side

Bill Carter

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This year, Anderson Cooper spent 10 days in Japan covering the aftermath

different jobs that show different sides of you."

Some traditionalists may see a risk for Cooper's news reputation in divert-

Only about eight of the stations will be ones where Winfrey's show used to reside, a total dwarfed by the "Dr. Oz" show, which grabbed



Anderson Cooper during the taping of his show "Anderson" in an undated handout photo. Cooper's new syndicated daytime talk show will address entertainment topics not likely to be seen on his CNN program.

(Ali Goldstein/Warner Brothers via The New York Times)

of the devastating earthquake; he spent nine days in Egypt and was roughed up by supporters of Hosni Mubarak during the uprising there.

Next week, he will spend an hour talking to Snooki about her tan.

That won't be on CNN, of course, home of his nightly hard news program, "Anderson Cooper 360." Instead, it will be on local television stations across the country, where Cooper will begin his moonlighting job Monday as host of a syndicated daytime talk hour, "Anderson."

Beyond Snooki, Cooper's first-week lineup includes an interview with Sarah Jessica Parker about her new movie, a chat with the cast of "The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills" in the wake of the suicide of one of the husbands, and, in his opening episode Monday, an interview with the family of the recently deceased pop singer Amy Winehouse.

These are topics not likely to be addressed on his CNN program, and that is one of the reasons Cooper wanted to expand into daytime talk. "Everybody has different sides to them," he said in a telephone interview. "I don't think there's anything wrong with wanting to work

ing himself into the more superficial fields of daytime talk. Judy Muller, who spent much of her career as a news correspondent for ABC News, and now is an associate professor of journalism at the University of Southern California, said that assessment might be expected from "an old-school reporter like me." Muller's view, though, is more nuanced. "There is no doubt that Anderson Cooper has established his serious credentials. That said, there is always a risk when you move into more light-hearted venues of the likes of Snooki." But Cooper, she said, "is a different kind of journalist, one for the future. He is transparently who he is."

Cooper is introducing his daytime side – he said he has been a longtime viewer of the genre – in the first week of the post-Oprah Winfrey era. He makes his entrance as one of the great hopes to inherit the talk audience Winfrey leaves behind.

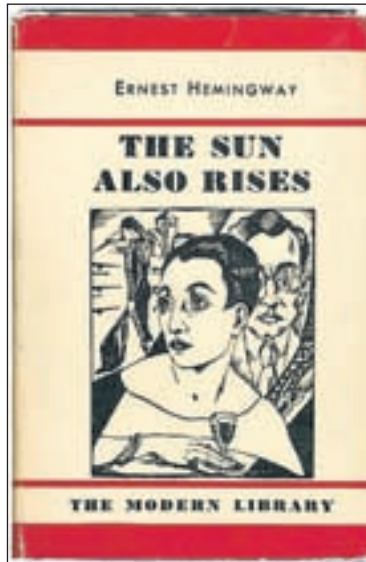
"We have high expectations," said Hilary Estey McLoughlin, president of Telepictures, the syndicator of Cooper's foray into daytime talk. She said the show can be seen by 99 percent of the country.

80 of the slots vacated by Winfrey. Still, McLoughlin highlighted Cooper's appeal as a lead-in show to local news.

That afternoon position is hotly pursued by many daytime talk show contenders. Cooper said his show would be about evenly divided between openings in the morning and the afternoon. But syndicated shows that succeed often start out in the mornings and gravitate to the afternoons.

The financial riches Winfrey reached during her long syndicated run may be impossible to attain, because syndicated shows face the same steady ratings erosion that has afflicted broadcast entertainment programs. Daytime talk shows, however, still have the capability to reach 5 million to 6 million viewers a day and remain, in the words of Michael Nathanson, the U.S. media analyst for Nomura, "a significant moneymaker." Nathanson said the costs for daytime talk shows remained so low – many at less than \$1 million a week – that anything resembling a hit could generate tens of millions in revenue or more a year. Hosts often become quite wealthy. □

'The Select (The Sun Also Rises)': The lost generation drinks up



BEN BRANTLEY

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NEW YORK – It takes great discipline to stay sloppy drunk for three hours and still be smart and engaging. I bet you've never achieved that. (If you think you have, your memory is lying.) So raise a brimming glass to Elevator Repair Service, which exists in what appears to be a state of perpetual and severe intoxication for the entirety of "The Select (The Sun Also Rises)," which opened Sunday night at the New York Theater Workshop.

Elevator Repair Service is the troupe that had theatergoers lining up last year for the privilege of devoting an entire afternoon and evening to "Gatz," a dazzling word-for-word staging of "The Great Gatsby," F. Scott Fitzgerald's 1925 novel of hard partying and busted dreams in the Jazz Age. Now the company has taken on what might be regarded as a natural companion piece to that masterwork, another tale of the same lost but well-lubricated generation.

Ernest Hemingway's "Sun Also Rises" (1926) has always invited comparison to "Gatsby," not least because their authors were friends, rivals and drinking buddies.

Though both depict a swarm of rudderless young things for whom life is an open bar, their styles are nigh antithetical, and some of us began debates in our adolescence about their relative merits that have

never really ended. Which do you prefer? Fitzgerald's yin or Hemingway's yang? The terpsichorean grace of "Gatsby" or the muscular athleticism of "Sun"?

The evidence, though they might not own up to it, is that the Elevator Repair folks are "Gatsby" kinds of guys. "Gatz" was a soaring hymn to the pleasures of falling under a novel's spell. "The Select" – which, unlike the verbatim "Gatz," compresses its source in the style of a hip Reader's Digest editor – is more flirtation than consummation.

Directed by the endlessly inventive John Collins, who also staged "Gatz," "The Select" is a lively riff on Hemingway's first and greatest novel. As it follows its restless characters on their movable bacchanal from Paris to Pamplona this production demonstrates the prodigious theatrical imagination of its creators. But unlike "Gatz" it never entirely wraps its mind around the style and essence of the book that inspired it.

It is possible to have "a damned good time" (to borrow a few rueful words from the heroine of "Sun") at "The Select," as I did when I first saw it in Philadelphia last year (and did again here). But don't expect the epiphanies provided by "Gatz" or (to a lesser extent) by their "Sound and the Fury (April Seventh, 1928)," taken from William Faulkner. Like those earlier productions "The Select" sticks to a single point of view. But unlike "Gatz" and "Sound," it doesn't play with the notion of its narrator's subjectivity and how we, the readers, link into it.

The storyteller here is Jake Barnes (Mike Iveson), an American in Paris and a journalist who has been left impotent by a war injury. Jake loves – and is loved by – Brett Ashley (the marvelous Lucy Taylor), an Englishwoman with a title and an addiction to sex. And therein lies their tragedy. □



And the good news is ...

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Finally, we're coming to a consensus about what's wrong with the economy. It's us. And our bad attitude.

Ben Bernanke says we're too depressed. On Thursday, the Fed chairman suggested that consumers have an irrationally negative worldview.

"Even taking into account the many financial pressures that they face, households seem exceptionally cautious," he told an audience in Minnesota, where the Twins are in last place, attendance at the state fair was way down and the state's best-known elected official is Michele Bachmann. Also, star hockey player Dustin Byfuglien was arrested on Lake Minnetonka on suspicion of boating while intoxicated.

Meanwhile overseas, Christine Lagarde, the managing director of the International Monetary Fund, expressed concern that "the world is collectively suffering from a crisis of confidence." Which is not helped by the fact that nobody can hear the words "International Monetary Fund" without thinking sleazy French pol in a hotel room with the maid.

On Friday, President Barack Obama told Americans to "shake off all the naysaying and the anxiety and the hand-wringing." He is on the road, following up on the big jobs speech he gave before Congress. It got a pretty good reaction, which would probably have been even more

positive if the television broadcasts had not been interspersed with reports that Homeland Security was searching for a trio of terrorist truckers.

The president is urging people to contact their elected representatives and tell them to pass his proposals: "I want you to call. I want you to email. I want you to tweet. I want you to fax. I want you to visit. I want you to Facebook ... Send a carrier pigeon."

Now that last one might really work. Truly, if the Republican House Conference was inundated by a couple hundred thousand angry carrier pigeons, there would probably be a real reaction.

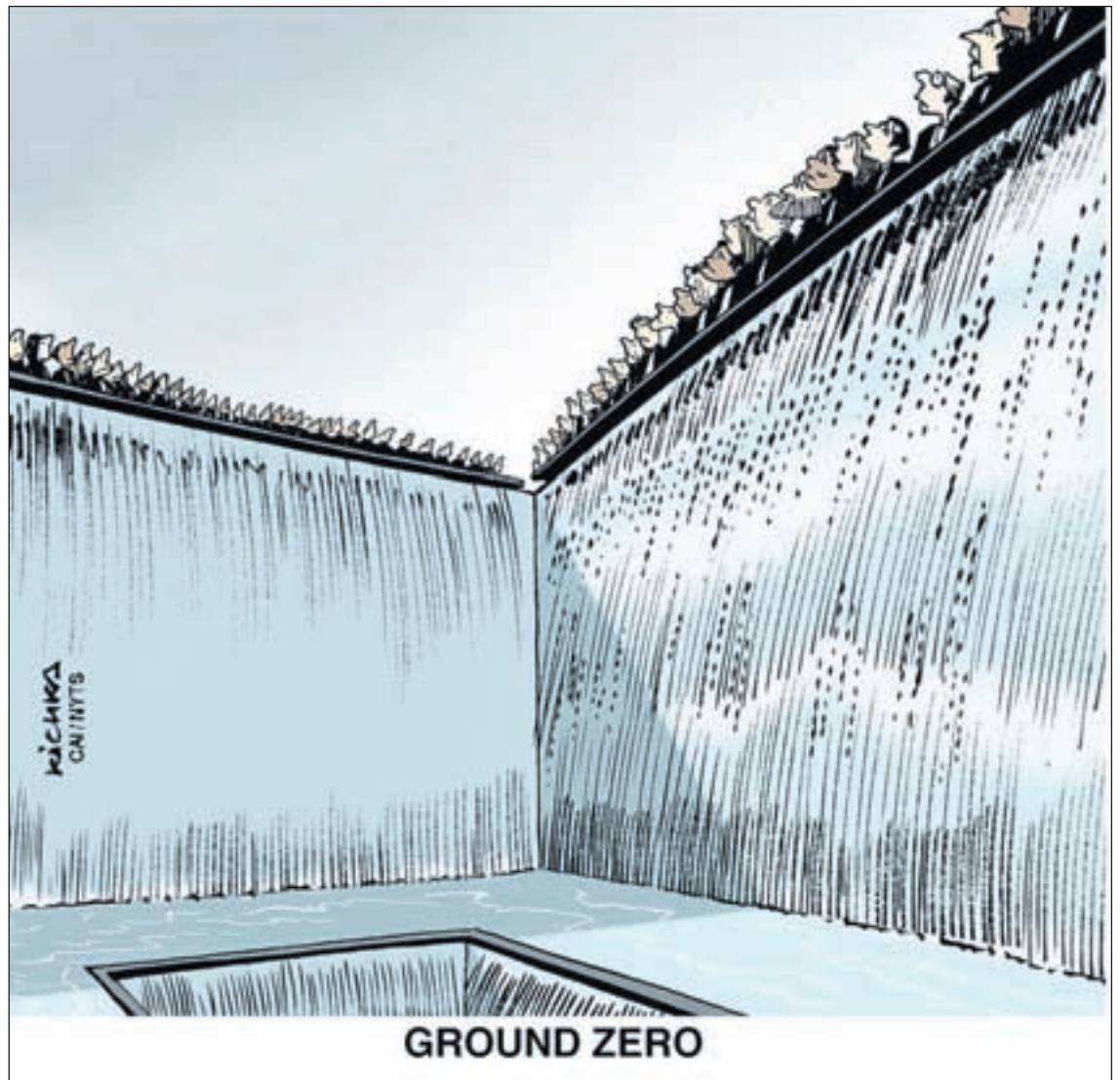
You may want to do the other stuff, too, because you are concerned citizens, people. But the idea that the president's opponents are going to come around to his way of thinking because they're buried in tweets and faxes is not a likely scenario.

"In a Frank Capra movie, maybe," said Michael Beschloss, the presidential historian. I think there's another opening here for citizen involvement. If the problem is attitude, declare war on the national funk. Every time you hear a depressing piece of news, come back with something cheerful.

For instance, the weather has been absolutely horrendous. We've had everything this summer but locusts. However, on the plus side, Fox News has reported that the earthquake in the Washington area caused Robert Valderzak, a 75-year-old patient at a Veterans Affairs Hospital, to regain his hearing.

The price of gas is approaching \$4 a gallon in some places. On the other hand, Beyonce is pregnant.

Some viewers of this week's Republican debate found it depressing that Rick Perry, who has referred to evolution as "a theory that's out there" also did not seem to believe in climate change, and appeared to be under the impression that Galileo was persecuted for his belief in the earth revolving around the sun by his fellow scientists, rather than the religious establishment. □



Mr. Banker, can you spare a dime?



JOE NOCERA
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Not long ago, I received an email from David Rynecki, an old friend and former colleague who left journalism a half-dozen years ago to become a small-business man. David's firm, Blue Heron Research Partners, does research for investment professionals; he was writing to share his frustration in trying to build a business in the aftermath of the recession.

"Like many small businesses," he wrote, "we were socked by the recession. Rather than cut back, however, we chose to be aggressive." He and his wife, Marcia, invested everything they had in the firm. They refused to lay off their

three employees. During an especially bad stretch, they used their credit cards to stay afloat.

Their risk-taking paid off. "We're hiring again," David's note continued. (Indeed, he's now got a full-time staff of nine.) "Business is strong. Our receivables are unbelievable. We have long-term contracts with established investors."

His problem was – and is – the same one facing millions of small-business people. With lending standards extraordinarily tight in the wake of the financial crisis, banks simply aren't making small-business loans, not even to perfectly creditworthy people like David. Which means he can't expand – and hire – the way he would like to. Yes, he said, he could continue to plow his cash flow into the business and grow it slowly. But to get the firm to the next plateau, he needs a bank loan.

"Banks say they have credit to offer," he wrote. "And they make you go through all the motions. But then they offer nothing." He tried three times to wrest a paltry \$50,000 from two different banks, including JPMorgan

Chase, which the firm uses for its own banking needs. He showed the loan officers Blue Heron's receivables and its long-term contracts. It didn't matter. He was turned down all three times. No collateral, said JPMorgan. Lack of a relationship, said the other bank.

As it happens, around the same time I was hearing from David, a small-business man on the West Coast was sending me very similar emails. His name is Bill Schultheis, and he was trying to help his wife start an upscale spa in Bellevue, Wash. He and his wife, Zhiqin Zhang, were looking for \$500,000.

"My wife moved here from China 13 years ago," Bill wrote. She had already bought and sold two spas; now she wanted to create something bigger and more luxurious. If all went according to plan, Bill wrote, she would employ between 25 and 35 people – "something Obama would appreciate," he added with a touch of sarcasm.

Bill sent me the business plan for the new spa. It was impressive. □

Fashion world honors Sept. 11 as shows go on

SAMANTHA CRITCHELL

AP Fashion Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The fashion world stood still when the World Trade Centers came down in the middle of New York Fashion Week a decade ago, but the shows went on Sunday with moments of reflection and remembrance from the tents at Lincoln Center to venues within distance of ground zero.

"On a day like this, we're

exciting, but there is also a certain calmness, you know? Everyone can sort of just look at each other today and know exactly what each other is thinking."

Linda Fargo, senior vice president of fashion at Bergdorf Goodman, wore a patriotic blue blouse and red trousers on the Beckham front row. "I didn't expect to be so emotional today, but I am."

inspiration, the compassion.

How we came together, reaffirming our strength to the world. There truly is no place anywhere like our beloved city, New York. Our inspiration."

After eight days of spring previews in New York, shows move to London, then Milan and Paris.

VICTORIA BECKHAM

Her crisp, clean and sophisticated collection showed



Musicians The Edge, left, Michael Stipe, second left, and Courtney Love, third left, with models Christy Turlington, fourth left, and Naomi Campbell, center, join musician Sting and his wife Trudie Styler, right, at the EDUN Spring 2012 fashion show during Fashion Week in New York, Sunday, Sept. 11, 2011.

all American," U2's Bono said after the spring preview downtown for Edun, the African-inspired brand he founded with his wife, Ali Hewson.

In an intimate hall at the New York Public Library's flagship, guests at Victoria Beckham's show twice stopped in their tracks on the way to their seats for moments of silence — one for each tower — as scheduled by the designer.

All Fashion Week events are proceeding as planned through Thursday, in contrast to the jarring halt of the September previews after the terrorist attacks, said Stephanie Winston Wolkoff, Lincoln Center's fashion director.

On the front row at Lela Rose, she described the conflicting mood on the tragedy's anniversary: "Today is a day that is very

Designer Tracy Reese had been scheduled for her first New York Fashion Week show on Sept. 11, 2001, and is proud to mark the anniversary at the tents on the same date this year. "At the end of the day, New York is unlike any other city in the world. Everyone worked together to pick ourselves back up."

Several designers said they've made donations to various organizations in memory of the dead, including Derek Lam to the National September 11 Memorial & Museum, and Donna Karan to Action America, an initiative to turn Sept. 11 into a day of positive action and volunteerism.

"We remember that day 10 years ago that changed our city forever," Karan said in her show notes. "We remember the courage, the

off her skills as a dressmaker.

Beckham added several outerwear pieces to the repertoire — including hooded satin jackets — but she mostly stepped back from the looser silhouette that she experimented with last season.

Even the dresses with pleated skirts were built with tight bodices.

Beckham has made her hallmark out of well-cut geometric clothes, and it's OK for her to stick with it. It's the style that suits her best, anyway, as she showed off her post-baby figure in a zip-back shift while she took it all in from the front row.

In recent seasons, Beckham narrated from a perch next to the runway in an intimate townhouse venue. On Sunday, however, she was quiet in the library's long, narrow Astor Hall. □



The DKNY Spring 2012 collection is modeled Sunday, Sept. 11, 2011, during Fashion Week in New York.

(AP Photo/Louis Lanzano)



Fashion from the Spring 2012 collection of Victoria Beckham is modeled on Sunday, Sept. 11, 2011, during Fashion Week in New York.

(AP Photo/Bebeto Matthews)